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EAST CAROLINA TO PLAY BASEBALL

Directors of League in Session at Goldsboro Last Night.

DR. WHITAKER IS PRESIDENT

Mr. Sale Resigns on Account of Press of Other Business—Six-Club Circuit is Formed With All Old Teams.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 27.—A meeting of the Eastern Carolina Baseball League directors was held in this city tonight and the roll call by Acting Secretary Emmett Brown, found the following representatives present: Capt. G. H. Napier, of Fayetteville; J. W. Mason, of Rocky Mount; R. E. Lewis, of Raleigh; R. H. Gwaltney, of Wilmington; S. A. Woodward, of Wilson, and President W. G. Sale, of Wilmington, who was elected to this office at the last meeting held in Raleigh.

Goldsboro was represented by Mr. George Dewey. Before the meeting was called to order tonight President Sale tendered his resignation stating that owing to the press of other duties he could not give his attention to this office.

The name of Mr. H. E. King of this city was then suggested to fill the vacancy of president but Mr. King who was in attendance at the meeting at the time refused to accept any official election with the league. On motion of Mr. Gwaltney, of Wilmington, seconded by Capt. Napier, of Fayetteville, it was asked that the secretary call a vote of the meeting for Dr. Joel L. Whitaker, of Raleigh, as president. Upon a rising vote Dr. Whitaker was unanimously elected to this position and a 'phone message received from Dr. Whitaker stated that he would accept the office.

Capt. G. H. Napier, of Fayetteville, tendered his resignation as vice president and upon motion of Mr. Lewis, of Raleigh, Mr. S. A. Woodard, of Wilson, was unanimously elected vice president of the league.

A circuit of six clubs was formed composed of the following cities: Raleigh, Goldsboro, Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Fayetteville and Wilson.

On a unanimous vote it was resolved that the president remit protection fees for Goldsboro, Wilson and Raleigh.

The proposition of Mr. R. E. Lewis, representing Raleigh, was as follows and accepted on a rising vote:

"To the directors of East Carolina League.

"I hereby apply on behalf of self and some associates, for the allotment to us of the franchise of your league for Raleigh, N. C., received on same terms and dates, as to organization, etc., as shall bind the other clubs of the Eastern Carolina League. Respectfully,

"R. E. LEWIS."

The following resolutions were adopted: "1st. That the forfeit of $500 must be paid in at the next meeting to be held January 15th to be called by the president.

2nd. That the playing season should be decided by the by-laws committee.

3rd. That no club be allowed to have more than 13 players on the roll exclusive of the manager, for any five consecutive days.

4th. That guarantee money for rainy days be $45 and $30.

5th. That the schedule committee appointed by the president will arrange the schedule so as to include the games to be played on National holidays.

After appointing a committee to revise the by-laws, the directory then adjourned until the next meeting to be held in January.

CHRISTMAS TRAIL OF BLOOD.

Half Score of Lives Lost in Fights and Accidents Near Bluefield.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Death by accident and assault reduced the population of this coal field by at least half a score during the Christmas celebration. All are said to have been drinking.

The dead: Herbert Goze, shot and killed by Lee Findley, near St. Paul, Va.

William White and Wash Jones, negroes, killed each other in a pistol duel at St. Paul, Va.

James Hill, shot and fatally wounded by a man named Widener near Virginia City, Va.

J. R. Sawyers, run over by train at Huger, W. Va.

C. Leverey, found dead on track at Vulcan, Va.

Jack Patrick, fell from moving train at Cedar Bluff; will die.

John Willis, throat cut in fight with William Odell at Toms Creek.

Two unknown men, one a negro, killed by train at Langraf.

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SCHOONER RAMS LIGHTHOUSE

Frame Structure on Thimble Shoals Nearly Cut in Two by Terrific Impact and Was Destroyed by Fire.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 27.—Having been rammed and almost cut in two by the four masted schooner Malcom Baxter, Jr., the Thimble Shoal lighthouse, located four miles almost due east from Old Point Comfort and near the tail of the Horse Shoal in lower Chesapeake Bay, caught fire and was totally destroyed at 8:30 o'clock this morning. Keeper Huggins and his assistants, J. B. Thomas and T. L. Faulcher, put off in a life boat and were subsequently picked up by a rescue crew from the United States scout cruiser Birmingham, now anchored in Hampton Roads. The men were taken to the cruiser and landed at Old Point late this evening.

The schooner was inward bound for Hampton Roads in ballast and was proceeding under sail. The strong westerly wind and swift tide threw her off her course and without warning she crashed into the frame lighthouse. The house crumbled before the vessel like a box and in the smash-up, the stove in the lighthouse was overturned. The hot coals set the building on fire and all efforts of the occupants of the lighthouse to extinguish it was futile. Seeing that the flames must destroy the building, the lighthouse men lowered a life boat and set out for shore.

After the collision the Malcom Baxter veered off and anchored but was later towed to Norfolk for repairs. The vessel was damaged about the bow.

The flames could be seen from Old Point and several tugs started for the scene, but the frame building was about destroyed when they arrived. Immediately after the flames broke through the roof of the building a launch from the Birmingham steamed for the lighthouse at full speed and picked up the men from the light house.

The burning of the lighthouse was reported to the lighthouse board by wire and a request has been made that a lightship be placed near the wreck until a new lighthouse can be built.

SHEMWELL AND THE GOVERNOR.

Executive Has No Evidence of Deception—Reprieved Man on Train.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—Discussing the Baxter Shemwell situation this afternoon, Governor Kitchin declared that there is absolutely nothing before him officially to change the situation from what it was the day he granted the reprieve. He says he has the positive information that cannot be gainsaid, that Shemwell was under treatment at Hot Springs at the time the reprieve was granted ,and it will take a very great deal more evidence than has been produced thus far to convince him that there has been any effort at deception on the part of young Dermott Shemwell or his counsel in their efforts to procure the reprieve.

The Governor declares, however, that if there has been any deception he would be the gladdest in the world to know it, and that he would lose no time in setting matters straight.

While the Governor was discussing the matter, C. H. Mebane of the State Department of Education, came into the executive office to say that Shemwell was on a Southern Railway train from Asheville to Lexington, on Sunday evening, looking very well, indeed, and not showing the least signs of rheumatic troubles. Mr. Meabne said Shemwell was the "whole show" on the train, a number of curious passengers going back through the Pullman in which he was traveling to take a look at him.

Governor Kitchin makes the comment on the situation that he sees no reason why Shemwell should not travel about if occasion requires, as he has his reprieve to April 1st.

FIRE AT DUE WEST, S. C.

Wylie Home at Erskine College Completely Destroyed Yesterday.

Donalds, S. C., Dec. 27.—The Wylie home at Erskine College was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The blaze was discovered at 2 o'clock by James Moffatt, who was sleeping in the building. There is fire equipment of any kind at Due West and the flames spread rapidly, soon enveloping the entire building and reducing it to ashes. A strong wind was blowing at the time and it was feared that the flames would spread to the boys' dormitory and thence to the main college building, but good work by the bucket brigade prevented this. The loss is about $15,000 with $5,000 insurance. This includes all the college property and not the articles left in the building by the college girls, who are at home for the holidays.

The Wylie Home was a handsome structure, having been presented the college by the late J. B. Wylie, of Chester, about eight years ago. It was the girls' dormitory. James Moffatt, son of President Moffatt, of Erskine, Mrs. Pressly and two others were in the building, but escaped. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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HUMAN VICTIMS OF GREAT STORM

Tale of Sorrow and Devastation Along New England Coast.

MANY SHIPS BEEN WRECKED

Nine Vessels Victims of Sea on Massachusetts Coast—Schooner Davis Palmer Probably Gone With Twelve Men.

New York, Dec. 27.—With the news of the probable loss of the big five-masted schooner Davis Palmer with her crew of 12 men, off Boston harbor, and of the wrecking of nine other vessels along the Massachusetts coast, the opening chapter of the toll taken on the sea by the great storm which swept New England Saturday night and Sunday was bared to the world today. Cape Cod is still cut off and, with the restoration of communication there it is feared that a tale of marine disasters and storm damage unequalled in years will be related.

Wreckage borne into Boston harbor today is believed to be the mute evidence of the loss of the schooner Davis Palmer, Newport News for Boston, somewhere near the entrance to the harbor. A signal box among the wreckage contained a burgee with the Palmer's name, as also did a quarterboard found nearby. The wreck itself has not been located.

The three-masted schooner Nastasket was hurled ashore and probably will prove a total wreck. Volunteer life savers with the breeches buoy rescued her crew of ten. With a cargo of lumber she was bound from Boston from North Carolina.

The schooner Belle Halliday is ashore at Brant Point, Nantucket, exposed to the fury of the seas. The fate of her crew is unknown, but it is believed that they have been rescued. She was from Philadelphia loaded with railroad iron.

On the rocky shores of Marthas Vineyard two waterlogged schooners are being swept by every sea. They are the A. K. McLean, a British vessel, bound from Perth Amboy to Halifax, and the Stonington, Me., schooner Maude Seward, Port Reading for Provincetown. The crews of both have been taken off.

At Provincetown the sloop Bonita is aground, and in the flats of Plymouth harbor are four small schooners similarly distressed.

The work of filling the gaps in telegraph and telephone wire systems and in railroad and trolley lines, which had been opened by the blizzard, is proceeding. The telegraph companies report a capacity of about 25 per cent. of the normal while the telephone companies' resources have been restored to the extent of about 75 per cent. Railroad and trolley line schedules were largely filledtoday, although delays of from one-half to three hours were noted on railroad trains.

Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod's sandy peninsula, particularly, and Rhode Island, suffered most from the storm and are still in the most demoralized condition as far as wire and transportation service go. Many places in southeastern Massachusetts have not witnessed the arrival of a railroad train for two days. New Bedford and Fall River have been cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world since Sunday morning.

Tell Tale Wreckage.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—From the amount of wreckage on Hull Beach, a portion of which has been identified, there is every reason to believe that the five-masted Boston schooner Davis Palmer was lost off the entrance of the harbor during yesterday's storm with all on board, 12 men. The wreckage included the quarterboard with the vessel's name, the top of the deckhouse and skylight, considerable furniture and other inside cabin fittings. The hull or masts of the Palmer have not been found.

The Davis Palmer, in command of Captain Leroy K. McKeown, of Malden, left Newport News December 21 with 4,000 tons of coal for Boston.

From the point at which the wreckage was sighted, the fact that none was found on Nantasket beach, it was the opinion of the life savers at Hull that if the Palmer was lost it was either by collision or striking one of the outlying ledges at some point northeast of the entrance of the harbor.

Barge Gone Down.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The steamer Grecian which arrived here today from Boston reports passing a sunken barge with two spars standing yesterday afternoon ten miles off Seaside Park, N. J. It is believed in maritime circles that the barge may be the one which was in tow of the freight ship Thurman which went ashore Christmas night. The barge was supposed to have five men on board when it broke away from the steamer.

Eighteen Lives New York's Toll.

New York, Dec. 27.—Eighteen persons in and near New York perished in the Christmas blizzard or died from accidents caused by it. Six of this number died from exposure. Others were drowned and several were killed by trains.

Today New York and vicinity is rap-

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THE IROQUOIS DISABLED

Clyde Liner, With One Rudder Gone, Anchored Off Frying Pan Shoals. Several Vessels Standing by—Seminole to Scene.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 27.—A wireless message received here late today says that the Clyde line steamship Iroquois Capt. Ingram, from Charleston, S. C., for New York, is at anchor off Frying Pan Shoals, North Carolina, with a badly disabled rudder. The Iroquois left Jacksonville, Fla., December 20th, touching at Charleston.

The revenue cutter Seminole, Capt. Crisp commanding, left her dock at last midnight for the disabled steamer and expects to reach her about 6 o'clock this morning. The wireless apparatus was not working very strong last night, but at 6 o'clock the operator caught a message telling of the disability of the Iroquois. It was reported that one of her rudders was gone and that she was anchored 15 miles north off Frying Pan Shoals with two or three steamers standing by. The report was to the effect that the weather was not very rough and it was not thought that the vessel was in any immediate danger. The Seminole waited until midnight for further advices from the disabled vessel and being unable to hear anything more, Capt. Crisp decided to go to her and be ready in case assistance was needed.

The tug boats Jones and Sea King were ready to leave here at 11 o'clock last night for the Iroquoise, but at that hour a message was received via Beaufort to the effect that the Mohawk, a sister steamer, also another vessel from Savannah and an unknown vessel were standing by, so the tug boats were recalled. It was stated in that message that the Iroquois was anchored 13 miles northeast of Frying Pan Shoals.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 27.—A wireless message tonight from the steamer Iroquois bore the information that the Mamlory Liner San Marcos answered the "S. O. S." call of the crippled ship and went to her assistance. A line was thrown to the Iroquois and the SamMarcos started towing her, but the sea was so heavy that the hawser pated at 6:30 A. M., and it was decided to anchor until morning. The Clyde Liner Mohawk later joined the vessels and is now lying by until morning when a tow line will be rigged again and the vessel taken to New York.

HEAD-ON FREIGHT COLLISION

Five Trainmen Killed and Two Fatally Injured.

Seymour, Ind., Dec. 27.—Five trainmen were killed and two were fatally hurt today in a head-on freight collision on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railroad near Fort Ritner. the dead. Lawrence Amick engineer; J. Routt, Jacob Emly, firemen. Finley Lee and Frank Hattabaugh brakemen. R. J. Conley, brakeman and Frank M. Walls, engineer were fatally hurt.

The trains met on a sharp curve, apparently because of misunderstanding of orders. Locomotives and cars were smashed and their wreckage was piled high.

The injured suffered terribly in the cold before help reached them.

OUTLINES.

The Thimble Shoal lighthouse four miles due east of Old Point Comfort, Va., was rammed yesterday morning and nearly cut in two by the four masted schooner Malcom Baxter, Jr. The lighthouse caught fire and was destroyed but the keepers escaped in a boat and were picked up at sea——During the Christmas holidays a half score of men met violent deaths in the vicinity of Bluefield, W. Va.——Former Dictator Zelaya yesterday landed on Mexican soil and will reach Mexico City Wednesday; in an interview he declares that Secretary Knox's harsh treatment of him was because he was misled by his enemies; Zelaya justifies the execution of Cannon and Groce. Admiral Kimball visited President Madriz at Managua yesterday——A sorrowful tale of the loss of life and the wrecking of many vessels comes from along the New England coast as a result of the Christmas storm; among the ships probably lost is the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer with her crew of 12 men—A mysterious rise of 31 1-4 points and then a sudden drop in Rock Island stock will be investigated by the New York Stock Exchange——The thrilling rescue of Capt. Bizelow, wife and crew of the schooner Eugene Borda by a steamer which carried them to Europe, is told in a New York dispatch——Five trainmen were killed in a railroad wreck yesterday near Seymour, Ind.——Russell B. Geyer, charged with embezzling $688 from the Country Club at Southern Pines, N. C., is held by the authorities in New York——At Loveland, O., yesterday morning a mother, apparently demented, murdered her two little boys and set fire to the house——The Governor of Mississippi sprung a political surprise yesterday morning by appointing Col. J. S. Cordon at successor to the late Senator McLaurin——Hon. W. J. Bryan was in Havana, Cuba, yesterday——The Brokaw divorce trial was resumed in New York yesterday, with a sharp cross-examination of Brokaw.

New York markets: Money on call from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2 per cent, ruling rate 5, closing bid 4 3-4, offered at 5; spot cotton, holiday; wheat firm, No 2 red 1.27 1-2 bid to arrive; corn firm, No. 2 70 1-2 elevator domestic, 71 delivered and 69 f. o. b. afloat nominal; oats firm, mixed 47; turpentine steady; rosin quiet.

MARION HARLAND IS CALLED DOWN

North Carolina Slandered by Misinformed Philantropic Enthusiasts.

DAY'S EVENTS AT CAPITAL

Sad Experience of Boy With Christmas Fireworks—Military Institute at Winston-Salem Chartered—Big Realty Co.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—A Chicago man signing himself "Old Johnnie Reb," sends to Governor Kitchin a clipping from the Marion Harland column of the Chicago Daily News which he declares is a vile slander on North Carolina and one that he feels called upon to resent. The Marion Harland newspaper article which she furnishes many of the big dailies of the country, are devoted to philanthropy and the great variety of matters that are of special interest to women. A feature of this particular date was an appeal from Hemp, N. C., signed "M. L. A." setting out that a mission school is being maintained at Hemp with much success and appealing to the readers of the Marion Harland department to send donations in books and magazines. It closes with this: "If I should tell you how many of the landholders of this community cannot read or write, how many have no Bibles, how many have no church connections and how large a per cent of the children are born out of wedlock, you would feel that the school is in need and in a needy territory." To this Marion Harland adds the comment that she has enough klowledge of the conditions that oppose this work to be in full sympathy ,and urging her readers to respond to the appeal.

The "Old Johnnie Reb" writes the Governor: "I do not think the writer 'to the manor born' for 'tis a dirty bird will foul its own nest' even in the name of philanthropy. To my ear it smacks of the carpetbagger. Pardon me if I err in resenting it."

The comment in the Governor's office was that any one, looking at a postal map of North Carolina would see that Hemp, N. C. is in Moore county, not more than forty miles from the State capital and any one knows that no such conditions as are depicted in the appeal exist so near the State capital, or anywhere in the State for that matter. That there are very few landholders anywhere in North Carolina unable to read and write, that it would be difficult to find a community anywhere in the State where there are any families to speak of that have not been provided with Bibles long ago, and, as to the remaining "wail" about the number of children born out of wedlock, North Carolina can make a creditable comparison with any and all other States in the Union.

A steady all-day rain failed to materially dampen the Christmas ardor of the people here. The most notable effect was decidedly less street demonstration, especially in the way of small boy processions and fireworks. Even the fireworks stands were closed down, due to the falling off in this character of celebrating.

Raleigh has not in a great while gotten through Christmas before with less than a half dozen notable fireworks accidents. The decrease this time, however, is due less to the greater care in handling the "crackers' than to the fact that the rain and possibly other causes reduced this mode of celebrating by more than half. The fact is there is an increasing sentiment against the "fire cracker" method of Christmas celebrating.

The Christmas offering at the Church of the Good Shepherd was for the building fund and nearly $500 was raised to augment a fund of over $10,000 toward the completion of the fine stone church edifice, the walls of which are almost completed. The work is to be resumed in the early Spring and the work completed without further delay. It is to be one of the very handsomest churches anywhere in the State.

The Tinsley Military Institute (Inc.) received a charter today to establish a military school at Winston-Salem. The capital is $50,000 authorized and $4,500 subscribed by J. W. Tinsley, R. W. Gorrell, G. E. Webb and a number of other citizens, Tinsley having 350 shares. Other charters are to The Steel Creek Telephone Co., Mecklenburg county, capital $5,000 with principal office at Shopton, and H. W. Davis and others incorporators; The Houston Heath Realty Co., Monroe, capital $100,000 authorized and $12,000 subscribed by D. A. Houston, W. C. Heath and others; The Farmer-High Co., Bailey's, N. C., capital $25,000, by W. D. Farmer, E. J. High and others; The Rockingham Savings Bank and Trust Co., Reidsville, capital $10,850, by J. T. Oliver and others.

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STOCK EXCHANGE SENSATION

Mysterious Gyration of Rock Island Rose 31 1-4 Points and Dropped as Suddenly—Fiasco Will be Investigated.

New York, Dec. 27.—The New York stock exchange has an investigation on its hands. Common stock of the Rock Island Company rose 31 1-4 points almost immediately after the opening today, and then even more suddenly dropped to 50. Thereby hangs a mystery or a fiasco or something that the governors of the stock exchange with characteristic despatch will sift to the bottom.

With the close of today's session the governors quickly held a conference and it was announced that a special investigation had been instituted. Francis L. Eames, former president of the exchange; J. T. Atterbury and Ernest Groesbeck were appointed a committee to conduct the investigation. Conservative members of the exchange are much exercised over the episode and a rigid and searching inquiry is demanded, with summary punishment of the offenders, if their guilt be established.

Officers of the Rock Island disclaim any responsibility for the movement. At the office of Daniel G. Reid, who with ex-Judge W. H. Moore, is the acknowledged leader of the Rock Island group, it was said that Mr. Reid was indisposed today. Judge Moore affirmed that personally he knew nothing of the excitement until told of it upon his arrival in New York from Chicago this afternoon.

So much mystery and confusion surround the movement that anything like a clear explanation seems well nigh impossible at this time. During the brief session which the governors of the exchange had this afternoon several members who figured in the buying and selling were called before the committee but no details regarding the preliminary investigation were made public. Those brokers credited with executing the orders declined to throw any light on the subject. They will be called to testify later before the investigating committee.

Stories purporting to explain the situation are numerous and conflicting. One theory was that an attempt at manipulation in the stocks had miscarried. According to this explanation, heavy buying orders were placed on the market, but through some oversight the corresponding selling orders did not appear. The result was, following out this theory that there was comparatively little stock for sale and the brokers who had charge of the buying orders had to bid the market up in order to execute them.

During the flurry of the stock today the balance of the list, including the active issues was extremely weak, with vague apprehension of another "corner."

Today's operations in Rock Island common totalled approximately 218,000 shares, or more than 25 per cent. of the whole. The stock fluctuated 49 3-4 and 81 its top price of the first half hour, and closed at 51 1-2, a net gain of 1 3-4 points.

An officer of the First National Bank of this city, which has intimate relations with the Rock Island, expressed the belief tonight that the whole matter had its inception in buying for European interests who are supposed to have been short in the stock.

GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE.

Breech Between Switchmen and Railroads Widens.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27.—Contrary to the prognostications of Governor Eberhart, the controversy between the railroads of the Northwest and the striking switchmen did not end in an amicable settlement today and according to the officers of the Switchmen's Union of North America the breach is wider than heretofore. Not only have the switchmen declared all negotiations with the railroad terminated but the labor leaders say that there is a strong possibility of a general strike by all of the allied orders belonging to the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor. Conductors, engineers, firemen, trainmen and many switchmen are not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

H. B. Parham, who has been acting as chairman of the railway council in session at St. Paul, tonight started for Washington where he will seek the aid of Federal officers. It was his opinion that if his efforts to procure intervention failed, there would be a general strike of railroad men controlled by the American Federation of Labor.

In the conference between the railroads and the labor leaders today the railroads' officers refused to take back the striking switchmen except as they had places for them. They gave the switchmen until Wednesday to accept this offer. The offer was immediately rejected by the labor leaders.

TWO MINERS LOST THEIR LIVES

Knocked to Bottom of Shaft Into Hole of Water.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 27.—While being lowered into the McPherson mine at Ducktown, Tenn., this morning Henry Walker and William Clauntz were instantly killed. They were nearly 300 feet below ground when an iron cross head above them broke loose and falling, struck both men, knocking them out of the ship. They fell to the bottom shaft in a deep hole of water. Nearly four hours elapsed before their bodies were recovered.

The messages from the merchants are always interesting—and usually affect the "state of your purse."

DICTATOR ZELAYA SAFE IN MEXICO

He Boldly Justifies Summary Execution of Cannon and Groce.

SECRETARY KNOX WAS MISLED

Zelaya Will Be Protected by Mexican Government—Admiral Kimball Calls on Nicaragua's New President—Greeting.

Salina Cruz, Mex. Dec. 27.—Declaring that the attitude of Secretary Knox toward him could not fail to to be disapproved by all fair minded people and that he believed the Secretary's judgment was warped by false reports of conditions in Nicaragua, made by the American vice consul at Managua former President Jose Santos Zelaya endeavored in an interview today to justify his treatment of the Americans, Cannon and Groce as an act which any one in his position would have committed.

Zelaya debarked from the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero this afternoon and tonight left for Mexico City in a private car attached to the regular passenger train due in that city on Wednesday morning.

"I am going to Mexico City to remain or six months," he said. "If the climate agrees with me I will send, or go for my family. If it does not agree with me, I will go to some place in Europe. I am going to Mexico City to thank President Diaz and the Mexican officials for their kindness to me."

The Guerrero with Zelaya and his party on board, arrived outside the harbor last night, where the boat lay until this morning. At a little past 8 o'clock it steamed to the dock and Zelaya appeared on deck to wave a greeting to a crowd of townspeople who had gathered. He was accompanied on his trip hither by Luis A. Cousin, his former Secretary of War; Robert C. Bowe, his secretary, and several friends.

To a representative of the Associated Press whom he received this afternoon on the gunboat, Zelaya discussed the killing of Cannon and Groce and the note of Secretary Knox.

"Cannon and Groce," Zelaya declared were engaged by the Conservative party and were brought from Guatemala by that party,which was working hand-in-hand with Carberra. As they never had any ground for accusing me of any infringement of the treaty adopted by the Central American republic, they attempted to create a cause and began trying to instigate a mutiny and armed rebellion, in order to force the United States government to intervene.

"As regards Cannon and Groce, no one else in my position would have acted other than as I did. Neither of these men had any property in Nicaragua. Americans and other foreigners holding property in Nicaragua enjoyed protection at my hands the same as native born citizens and they had the advantage of not having to pay direct taxes.

"I think that Secretary Knox took harsh action against me. I believe his object was that I resign. That I have done. I am now only a private citizen and such I shall remain. It is my intention not to enter politics again. The report that had taken commands of the government forces was absolutely false. I have not and never intended to do so."

Zelaya attributed much of his woe to Harry Calderera, the American vice consul at Managua. Of this he said:

"The United States government was grossly misinformed through this man about conditions in my country. The vice consul is a member of the Conservative party and an ardent defender of that party's views.

"With the object of overthrowing my government he made false reports to Washington which I firmly believe had much to do with the note of Secretary Knox. I have no doubt that those reports led him to adopt the attitude he did towards me."

During the afternoon Zelaya was called upon by several Mexican officials here, among whom was Juan Broising, collector of the port who, welcomed the former President with the words:

"I receive you like a brother."

Zelaya said he had had a good voyage, but that he was feeling badly and had a slight fever. He did not appear ill at ease or excited and during the afternoon sat for a photograph on the deck.

He left Managua accompanied by Minister Carbajail, of Mexico, who escorted him aboard the Guerrero at Corinto.

"I was at perfect liberty at all times and was not intercepted," he said. "I boarded the Guerrero in broad day light on the afternoon of the 24th. The English minister at Managua offered me conveyance upon the sloop Shearwater, then at anchor at Corinto, to any country I wanted to go to, but I preferred to come to Mexico."

Admiral Kimball in Managua.

Managua, Dec. 27.—Rear Admiral William Wirt Kimball, in command of the American warships at Corinto, accompanied by George T. Weitzel, secretary of the American legation at Panama, and two naval aides, arrived at Managua today to pay an unofficial call on President Madriz. A great crowd gathered at the station and gave them a cordial greeting, after which they drove to a hotel in the Presidential carriage. Several American flags were displayed and although there was no

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demonstration, considerable excitement prevailed. It was rumored about the city that the visit might mean the recognition of President Madriz by the United States. Admiral Kimball, however, was emphatic in his assertion that he called on the President only in his private capacity. He refused to permit the gorgeously uniformed aide, whom President Madriz sent, to ride on the box of the Presidential carriage.

Ernisto Martinez, the former finance minister, whose arrest was ordered on the charge of misappripriation of public funds, has made his escape to Granda. Joaquin Pasos, Zelaya's son-in-law, is now under arrest on a similar charge, while Joaquin Navas, a millionaire from Leon, also is in the hands of the authorities. He is charged with obtaining $30,000 of the public money from Zelaya for the surrender of the hide concession, which was improperly granted to him. The arrest of other men who have been enriched at the expense of the country is imminent.

The belief in general that there will be a restitution of millions by the large number of persons who have been permitted by the former government to enjoy large gains illegally through concessions to which they were not entitled and in other ways. This may mean that the imposition of a general tax will be avoided. The financial condition of the present government is such that it has been unable to obtain credit for the purchase of flour to provision the army.

It is announced that Mexico has formally accepted the responsibility for Zelaya's person, has agreed to protect Zelaya's person and has agreed to prevent his return to Nicaragua. The status of the ex-President in Mexico practically is that of a prisoner.

Will Get Zelaya If He is Wanted.

Washington, Dec. 27.—While the State Department declined to discuss the report that Mexico had pledged itself to prevent the return of former President Zelaya to Nicaragua, the Central American diplomats here scoffed at the story. It was pointed out that Zelaya is not a political fugitive, that he was not intercepted when he left the country over which he formerly held sway and that, being now a private citizen, Mexico can have no jurisdiction over him.

"Zelaya is free as air" said a diplomat tonight.

The departure of Zelaya from Nicaragua is not regarded in officials here as at all conclusive that he will escape punisament for his crimes in that country. The United States government has never taken any steps whatever for the apprehension of Zelaya or to prevent his leaving the country. It preferred to proceed with deliberation, knowing that should his presence in Nicaragua be required at any future time to answer for his misdeeds his person could be secured with little or no difficulty.

Peace Movement For Nicaragua.

Managua, Dec. 27—President Madriz announced tonight that he had received a telegram from General Estrada at Bluefields in answer to his message of December 22nd expressing a desire to reach some understandiing that could lead to the re-establishment of peace.

General Estrada reciprocates these sentiments and declares his readiness to meet the proposition submitted by the President half way.

President Madriz, who elated over this friendly statement, said:

"I will immediately arrange a meeting of peace commissioners of both sides to discuss terms. I am confident of a satisfactory outcome."

CHAPTER OF GEORGIA TRAGEDY

Rejected Suitor Kills Man Who Had Married Girl He Loved.

Stricklan, Ga., Dec. 7.—A few minutes after he had been married to Miss Rose Butler, Gabriel Len, a young farmer was shot and almost instantly killed by Joe Jackson, a rejected suitor of the bride, near Lynn today. The scene of the killing is in a remote section of this counlry and none of the particulars are known. A sheriff's posse with bloodhounds is pursuing Jackson.

Statesboro, Ga., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Harry Brunson was probably fatally burned here today when her home caught fire from the explosion of a gas stove. Her husband was also badly burned when he rushed into the blazing building to rescue his two children whom he believed to have been left there. The children had been saved by neighbors.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—Fearing that his wife wandered away from home while mentally deranged last Thursday afternoon and that she may have committeed suicide by drowning in the Chattahoochee river, F. M. Jackson, special agent for the Southern Railway today prepared to drag the river for her body. According to Jackson's story, his wife left home to visit her brother and has not been seen since. She has been subject to occasional periods of aberration.

UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCES.

President Headed Off by Storm—Accident to Mr. Carnegie.

New York, Dec. 27.—A series of unfortunate occurrences marked the opening here of the American Economic Association. On account of the storm President Taft was unable to attend. Dr. William Graham Sumner, of Yale, who was to have taken an important part in the proceedings, was stricken in sudden illness at his hotel; Andrew Carnegie fell in Central Park and injured his knee, and S. N. D. North, acting president of the American Statistical Society, which held a meeting this afternoon, could not be present because of illness.

Nearly a thousand prominent scholars from home and abroad have assembled here for the meetings which will include those of eight other associations more or less allied with the historical and economic association. Preliminary meetings were held this afternoon while the delegates were welcomed at a general meeting at Carnegie Hall tonight. Joseph H. Choate and Governor Hughes were the principal speakers.

At Lynchburg, Va., yesterday George T. Kinney, aged 35, a foreman on the Southern Tunnel Construction there, was instantly killed by a crane which fell on him.

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HEARING OF BROKAW DIVORCE.

Husband Tells Court He Has Heard Ugly Things on Wife.

New York, Dec. 27.—Four small boys, preferring the story of the matrimonial troubles of the wealthy Brokaws to the thrills of sledding, were the only outsiders who braved the snowdrifts on Long Island today to attend the court session at Mineola.

Mrs. Gould Brokaw did not arrive until the afternoon with her father and sister. She listened attentively to the cross-examination of her husband, who denied today that the tone of his testimony on Friday meant that he was eager for a reconciliation.

"You say you are fond of her—do you love her?" queried A. J. Baldwin, counsel for Mrs. Brokaw.

"Well, I'm fond of her."

"Do you love her?" insisted the lawyer.

"Not so much as I did", answered the witness.

"Then how about all these reconciliation statements?"

"I never talked at all to the newspaper men. I haven't said anything except in court."

"Then what did you say in court?"

"I said," continued Brokaw, "that if Mrs. Brokaw would be different and I could believe her, I might take her back under certain conditions."

"Do you, or do you not want her back?" asked Mr. Baldwin.

"Not since I found out certain things which I have learned since Friday," said the witness.

"But haven't you changed your mind a good many times?"

"She has", parried Brokaw.

The witness declared that his present decision was final. Brokaw scrutinized telegrams which have figured conspicuously in the trial. He said that his many telegraphic queries concerning his wife's doings were prompted only by solicitude for her health and not by suspicions.

Asked if he had ever employed a detective to shadow Mrs. Brokaw, he replied:

"I never did. I haven't paid any bills for detective work since before my marriage."

Counsel for Mrs. Brokaw inquired why certain persons had not been subpoenaed as witnesses for the defense, especially Brokaw's private secretary Byford, for a long time Brokaw's confidential man. Brokaw replied that Byford had only returned from Europe last Friday.

"Did you ever know of Mr. Byford's sending telegrams to butlers and servants inquiring about Mrs. Brokaw's movements without your knowledge, or any secretary who did?" asked Mr. Baldwin.

"Oh, he may have wired to ask about what was going on in the house?" answered the witness.

"Then we are to understand that your secretary inquired of the servants and in that way found out about Mrs. Brokaw's movements?"

"Well it was done with the purpose of spying on Mrs. Brokaw. It was to find out what was going on in the house."

"Was it to inquire of Mrs. Brokaw's health?"

"Yes."

"He was fond of Mrs. Brokaw?"

"Yes. I think he was."

By agreement of court and counsel who desire to clear the case up as quickly as possible, a session of the court was held tonight at which Brokaw continued as a witness. Mrs. Brokaw took a lively interest in the grilling of her husband. She buried her face in her muff to smother laughter when a letter was read which the defendant identified as one he had written to her in the Fall of 1908. Among other things the letter upbraided her for "flirting" and for saying "damn".

One passage said: "I assure you, dear, that women do not interest me. If they did I would not have married you and given up all my life and happiness to you."

GREAT DISASTERS IN SPAIN.

Fall of Rock Crushes Church and Kills Twenty-six—Towns Destroyed.

San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 27.—Details of the damage caused by the disastrous floods last week are pouring into this city. Only three houses were left standing in the village of Santa Christiana and at LaCaville a church was the only building able to withstand the storm. At Benevente, a town 34 miles north of Zomorra, with a population of about 5,000, was under water for five days during which time all traffic in the streets was conducted by boats. The village of Villabeza has been destroyed, and the crops in the Castile plateau ruined.

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Madrid says that a fall of rock at Carcoval de Oras in the province of Orense, overwhelmed a church and many houses, killing 26 persons.

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Political Surprise Sprung by Governor of Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 27.—The appointment of Col. J. S. Gordon, of Okolona, as United States Senator from Mississippi to succeed the late Senator A. J. McLaurin, was announced by Governor Noel today.

The appointment is temporary, as only the legislature can elect a Senator for the unexpired term, and is made with the understanding that Senator Gordon will not be a candidate for this term.

The appointment was a surprise in political circles, as it was generally believed that the Governor would leave the office vacant until the Legislature takes up the question on January 11. While Senator Gordon may not serve more than two or three weeks, there is a strong probability of a Legislative deadlock, owing to the large number of probable candidates. It is, therefore, not improbable that Mr. Gordon might serve a year or more. He is 76 years old, a native of Mississippi, and served with distinction in the Confederate army. He has not been prominent in public life during the past 20 years.

Governer Noel announced that one of his principal motives in appointing Col. Gordon was as a compliment to the soldiers of the Confederacy.

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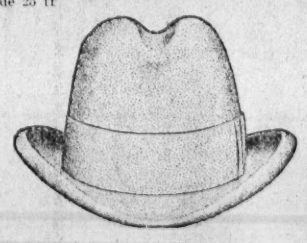

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Newbern Boy Hunt.

Newbern Journal: While going to the fire Friday morning on a bicycle Geo. Coles, a young white boy, came in contact with a delivery wagon and he was thrown to the ground and severely bruised. The driver of the wagon was evidently drunk or asleep at the time as he drove his wagon within a foot of the curb which did not allow the bicycle any room to pass him.

Hop Wah Celebrates.

Hop Wah, one of Newbern's leading Chinese laundrymen gave an exhibition of Chinese fireworks yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock that was the grandest display of any kind of fireworks ever seen in this city. Hundreds of people were out to witness this remarkable display, and every one who witnessed it was astounded. Fully 500,000 crackers were fired each in such rapid succession that there was a continuous roar and all the previous discharges of the many baby waiters were simply outclassed.

Mr. John G. Terry Dead.

Rockingham Post: Friday morning Mr. John G. Terry, one of Rockingham's most respected citizens, succumbed to a stroke of paralysis. He was buried Friday with the honors of the Junior Order. Mr. Terry was fifty-four years old. He is survived by a widow, five brothers, Messrs. Ed. Rueford, Frank, Harvey and Ralph Terry, and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Terry and Mrs. Fred Dickinson. He was a leader in the Junior order of United American Mechanics and a member of the Baptist church. He was in every sense a useful citizen and will be greatly missed.

Generous Newbern Elks.

Newbern Journal: As is their usual custom the Elks of this city yesterday donated to each child who attended their celebration some gift with which to help celebrate the glorious events. The court house was the scene of the festivities and was packed long before the presents were distributed and by the time everything was in readiness at least four hundred children were present. This is a noble act of the organization and they deserve more commendation than mere words can express.

Charlotte's Christmas Drunks.

Charlotte: Observer: Behind the bars in the police station rests about the usual array of Christmas drunks and those who are there now merely represent the last grabbing. Since Friday they have been turning them out just as soon as they got sober and refilling the pot with fresher intoxicants. The Recorder will face an angry, remorseful set of evil doers when he walks down into his court room this morning to pinch off justice to those whose ways are not according to law. While the number will be exceedingly large, no serious cases are made out against the majority of those who will assume the title of defendants, with the exception of River Rock, Joe Irwin and one or two other negroes who are charged with an assault upon a young white fellow, Charlie Goode, and also robbery.

Negro Froze to Death.

Charlotte Observer: It is not often that a man gets so cold in this temperate climate even during the hardest winter that he freezes to death but such was the fate Saturday of Frank Greer, a well regarded colored man working on the farm of Capt T. J. Renfrow near Matthews. Greer was driving home on the Monroe road between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday morning and near McAlpin's creek got out of his wagon and wandered over to one side of the highway near the railroad trestle where he sat down. He was supposed to have been slightly under the influence of whiskey, having celebrated Christmas to considerable degree. When found by people passing by he was stiff with cold but life was not extinct. A physician was summoned who worked with him for three or four hours. He improved to such an extent that the crisis was believed to be over but about 11 o'clock Saturday night he died. Exposure and extreme cold are said to be the causes of his death.

Pecans and Walnuts.

Sanford Express: Recently Mr. S B. Worthy gave us some very fine pecans which grew this year in the orchard on his farm near Jonesboro. The trees from which these nuts were gathered this fall were planted about twenty years ago and about a dozer of them are now bearing. Five or six bushels of nuts were gathered from these trees this year. These nuts are of delicious flavor and sell for 15 cents per quart. Mr. Worthy also has on his plantation several acres planted to walnuts. The young trees are growing nicely and in a few years Mr. Worthy will have the finest walnut orchard in Lee county. A good walnut tree, it is said, will bear 15 bushels of walnuts. When it is remembered that walnuts sell for one dollar or more per bushel it is at once apparent that a walnut orchard of seventy-five or one hundred bearing trees has real commercial value. Nuts are very important as an article of food and considerable attention is being paid to pecans, walnuts, chestnuts and other nuts in some parts of the South. It takes from fifteen to twenty-five years for the trees, after they are planted, to begin bearing, and one must have oceans of patience to wait for them. But when they do come along they are worth while. Hundreds of apple, peach, plum and pear trees have been planted out this year by the progressive people of Lee county. Why not follow Mr. Worthy's example and plant some walnuts and pecans?

WHERE IS SHEMWELL?

Not at Hot Springs, According to the Statement to Charlotte Observer.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The belated reply to the Observer's inquiry as to whether Mr. Baxter Shemwell was at Hot Springs, Ark., as his son asserts in the signed statement published yesterday morning, was received yesterday afternoon. The inquiry was directed to the leading daily newspaper of Hot Springs and this is the answer.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 26.

Observer,
Charlotte, N. C.
Baxter Shemwell not here.
Sentinel-Record.

This bit of information, in the face of the fact that Mr. Dermot Shemwell in his signed statement says that his father returned to Hot Springs last Monday and the further statement from Greensboro that his bond has not been renewed (the alleged purpose of which was the sole object of his return to North Carolina) makes the case assume some aspects of a mystery. Of course it is possible that Mr. Shemwell may be in retreat at some Hot Springs sanitarium and the newspaper man may not have been able to locate him for that reason. As the matter stands, based upon the report from Greensboro, Mr. Shemwell is a fugitive from justice, and it remains to be seen what effort the State of North Carolina will make to maintain the dignity of the law.

DECLARED SANE.

Jury of Guilford Liberates Georgia Woman Held in Sanitarium.

(Greensboro News.)

A jury of freeholders, acting on instructions from Judge J. Crawford Biggs, late yesterday afternoon declared Mrs. Cora Irene Farmer, the wealthy Georgia woman, who claimed to be illegally detained at the Telfair sanitarium at Glenwood, to be perfectly sane and capable of managing her own affairs. Judge Biggs when apprised of the verdict last night, immediately ordered by telephone her immediate release, he having previously heard the merits of the case at his sitting in chambers on Thursday in Durham.

The case presents some novel and pathetic features. Mrs. Farmer, a lady of gentle birth, as shown by the testimony, had been confined in the Telfair sanitarium by her husband, Dr. John L. Farmer, of Savannah, Ga.

Her allegations set forth that money matters which involved a large indebtedness by her husband to her estate, which was inherited from her father, was the principal cause of the illegal detention. Through the assistance of friends she visited the city and consulted lawyers who, as they stated in court yesterday, were impressed with the justice of her cause. She has been confined since January of this year and denied intercourse with her friends by the authorities of the sanitarium.

Upon a writ of habeas corpus obtained by these friends she was taken before Judge Biggs on Thursday and he immediately ordered a commission in lunacy. A number of witnesses were introduced by Mrs. Farmer at the hearing yesterday, including several prominent physicians of this city, who had examined her since her release from the sanitarium under the habeas corpus.

The opposing side only offered one witness, who had examined Mrs. Farmer, but contended that there was danger of a relapse into her former habits. Her legal guardians, the Savannah Trust Company, did not oppose the petition. Mrs. Farmer's husband also appeared, but the jury was so evidently impressed with the strength of her story that they only required a minute to decide.

The sanitarium was represented by Messrs. Morehead and Sapp, and the petitioner by Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams and C. F. McLean, who had actively taken up the case of the intercession of friends of Mrs. Farmer.

The legal phases of the case were ably handled by Attorneys McLean and Morehead and Sapp. Mrs. Farmer at once went to the home of a friend on West Market street, where she will rest after her trying ordeal before making plans for the future.

SCOTTISH RITES.

Masons Begin to Gather for the First Session of the Annual Fall Reunion.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The first session of the annual fall reunion of the Scottish Rites will begin this afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Masonic Temple with the opening of the Lodge of Perfection and registration of class. The event promises to be one of the eclipsing kind overshadowing in point of genuine interest and importance any similar reunion of the kind held here in several years. Numerous Masons from various lodges throughout the State are already coming in to attend the events of the week which will not close until Thursday night when the Shriners will hold forth.

One of the most interesting features of this reunion will be the musical programme which has been carefully arranged. The selections have been made with especial care to their appropriateness and the rendition will doubtless be magnificent, two quartettes having been in practice for this event. The double quartette of male voices and a mixed double quartette will render the music with Mr. Robert L. Keesler as director and Prof. H. J. Zehm as organist.

JERSEY BATHTUB TRAGEDY.

Lawyer Withdraws From Defense of Two Women.

New York, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Mrs. Ocey Snead, victim of the East Orange bathtub tragedy, changed lawyers today. It was announced that Colonel Robert J. Haire had withdrawn from the defense of Mrs. Martin and her sister, Mrs. Mary Snead, held for extradition to New Jersey on indictments charging them with complicity in causing Ocey Snead's death. His place was taken by Clark L. Jordan, an assistant from whose office had a long consultation with the two elderly women today. The day was bare of developments in the famous case.

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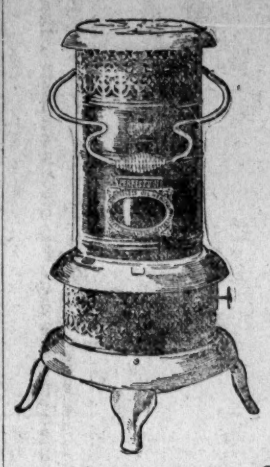

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Lv. Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
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Lv. Florence	8:03 pm	9:25 am
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WHAT IS WHISKEY?

As a broad man, it was to have been surmised that Mr. Taft would take a "broad" view of the palpitating question: "What—or when—is whiskey?"

When "my distinguished predecessor" and Attorney General Bonaparte and others sat about the board and discussed whiskeys—we mean discussed the question of whether whiskey was real whiskey or just an imitation—they concluded that under the Pure Food Law no liquor was whiskey which was not "straight;" i. e. which was not, as we understand it, straight from the still and aged in wood.

Whiskeys which were made of high wines, rectified, flavored and colored, were, they declared, nothing but imitation whiskey and ought so to be branded. Blends, according to this board of experts, could only be several straight whiskies of different ages mixed together.

Of course, all this was very pure and, we doubt not, entirely in consonance with the views of that large, if not growing, element of the population professing to be judges on liquors—the stripe able to tell whether a whiskey is or is not "straight," to approximate its age, to cry down all "rectified" products and, generally, to heave a sigh and make the old, old bromide that "You can't get any real whiskey these days."

Mr. Taft, on the other hand, takes the lawyer-like and the sensible view of this highly important question. His decision seems to indicate that, so the germ of truth be there, the label "whiskey" is all right, all right. So it is written in the bond, or the bill, and so it has been understood by ardent souls for generations, who wanted only the name of the thing, the bite of it, and the uplift of it. He reasoned, doubtless, that under these circumstances all the "high-wine" stuff, all the prune juice concoctions, all the cologne spirits products had passed for years as "whiskey" until they had a sort of a right by preemption to use of the word. Wherefore Mr. Taft raised the ban that his predecessor had attempted to lay on the products of the fields and stills, and left it up to the experts to continue to guess what it is that they drink.

On one point only with respect to whiskey is Mr. Taft stern and stringent. To be labeled as such it must be something that somewhere, sometime, had its genesis in grain, of some sort—corn, oats, barley, wheat or rye, it matters not, but grain. He draws the line on molasses distillations. They, declares the President with the conviction of his New England traditions, are rums. Which would clear up a mystery that has often suggested itself: "Why the 'Demon Rum,' when, so far as the average citizen knows, not a pint of it is sold in the average prohibition community during a year?" Perhaps it will be found on examination that the race has been drinking rum, when it thought it was drinking whiskey.

But the fact remains that who drinks whiskey knows not what he drinks. It will be more of a question than ever, now that Mr. Taft has said what it is.

WHAT WILL THE GOVERNOR DO?

The Charlotte Observer prints a negative dispatch tending to show that Baxter Shemwell is not at Hot Springs, his son's statement that he had returned there to the contrary.

It states, also, that his bond remains forfeited, and the writ is still in force against him; that, therefore, he is still a fugitive from justice.

In all the talk about Shemwell, Governor Kitchin has been silent. We have before this commended his silence as a virtue, but there are times when a man in authority owes it to the people who put him there to say something, if only to declare himself. Shemwell has insulted the State, the Governor, and the Courts.

We feel confident that we express the sentiment of the great mass of the people when we respectfully ask the Governor to indicate what he is going to do about it.

So far we have failed to see that usual Sunday school homily from Jno. D., Jr., to the effect that the way to be happy is to be good, and the way to get rich is to be honest.

ONE THING AT A TIME.

Any question that is inherently big enough to engage the attention of the whole American people is inherently big enough, also, to monopolize attention during the term of its settlement. How true this is will find ready illustration in the difficulty which any one of our readers will have in remembering at this time, say, a half dozen of "my" (countless) policies." It is less than a year since Mr. Roosevelt was with us—on top of us, indeed—yet there linger in the public mind only those points of audacity, the general sense of shock, the acute, if hazy, recollection of sudden daily sensation that marked the powess of the master advertiser of the age. It will also be recalled with more clearness, as past events better adjust themselves, that all this scattering fire finally created a fear that made a panic, thus by indirection slaying where it was never intended to strike. But out of all such activities, Roosevelt voiced no distinctive policy, much as he advised and greatly as he denounced. Because his variety of assault put the issue in confusion, did not mean, however, that the issue was not present and forming in the popular mind. In fact, much that the country was ready to accept from Roosevelt as a recognition on his part of the point at issue was nothing more than the wish which was the father to the thought.

Yet the issue was forming to a head during Roosevelt's term; is forming more acutely during Taft's term. On a time, the one issue of national size was slavery; it was settled as incident to the war. Again, it was the tariff; it was settled on the side of protection, with the remaining contention the amount and not the principle of the bonus. Once more, it was money; it was settled on the recognition of gold as a basis, with "financial reform" its posthumous child. Now the question is that of the trusts. It is pressing for settlement, and it will be settled. The people hav it in their heads. Vaguely they appreciate the manner of the wrong, while practically suffering its effects. That the "trust question" will be settled, the widespread character of the concern that it creates guarantees. How it will be settled is at once the most interesting and serious economic question with which the American people have ever been confronted.

Will the trusts be "settled"—as slavery was settled—by being destroyed root and branch? Or will they be disposed of in the manner of the question between free silver and the gold standard—which is to say by determining a fixed principle as a basis of operation and leaving the many important yet comparatively minor questions to engage attention in turn, the crisis having been avoided? The war was fought about slaved? The war was not fought about dustry—if it comes to that—will not be fought so much about trusts, as on account of the irritations which trust methods foster. If it does come to that, there will be to business, to manufacturing, industry, and finance a period of reconstruction equivalent to the destruction that followed upon the attempt to make over the character and tradition of the defeated South. Big business development cares much less for trusts than most people think; but if it comes to a war of extermination and confiscation, business will fight for the trusts in the same way as the South fought "for slavery"—which is to say, for self preservation. The high duty of statesmanship at this time, therefore, is to avoid a disastrous business cataclysm by curbing the trusts, while not attacking in its zeal the logical, if not actually beneficent trend of business combination.

In this crisis the future lies largely with Taft and with Congress. A President who will fight has the demonstrated power largely to control Congressional action. The future, therefore, may be said to rest with Taft. If in his proposed message in respect to the Sherman law, he shall speak with more incisiveness than sometimes characterizes his most sane and salutary utterances; if he shall give to the country a practicable plan whereby the objectionable features of trust operation are either removed or put under the adequate control of the government, there is every hope that what now looks a menace may prove to be a blessing. Under the present construction of the Sherman law, there is an absence of control of interstate corporations, with a practically useless but deadening uncertainty hanging over all classes of large corporations, as to whether or not they are technically violators of law. There is the threat to business, absolutely without provision for the benefit of the people. Such a condition cannot last. It is either that the trusts may be destroyed by methods bordering on, if not actually embracing, confiscation; or that there should be a revision of governmental policy to include all interstate business, as well as that of railroads, in the policy of a strict control and supervision.

We do not believe that the sober sense of the country will, if given fair opportunity to do otherwise, permit the alternative of destroying immense aggregations of capital and property, with the inevitable disaster to the country at large. But if Mr. Taft shall falter, if his message and his acts shall be spineless or equivocal, the tenseness of the situation is such that, under Roosevelt or some other quick and irresponsible politician, that might happen which, in commercial history, would be as epochal a calamity to the country at large as that which, in the case of the South, followed upon the desperate resort to war where there ought to have been instead a slower but saner development of statesmanship.

SMALL INVESTORS IN BIG TRUSTS.

What indiscriminate "trust baiting" means to the public at large is well shown by an interesting series or figures compiled by the New York Journal of Commerce relative to the distribution of railroad and industrial stocks, these without exception being shares of those companies which, as representing combinations exercising stock ownership, are threatened in their existence by the present status of the Sherman law. To quote:

"The list contains 54 railroad companies, all of those prominent in the investment market, and 56 industrial companies, the former with an aggregate outstanding capital of $4,157,008,136, and the latter with $3,143,299,131. There was an increase in this aggregate over last year of $281,076,217 for railroads and $117,799,787 for industrial companies, which would naturally cause an increase in the number of shareholders. For a population approximating 90,000,000 one would expect a larger number than 288,160 holders of shares in these 54 railroad corporations and 338,824 in the 56 industrial companies. The average amount of share capital of the former is $76,981,632 and the average number of stockholders 5,336, making the average holding at par value $14,425, while of the latter the average capital is $56,130,341, and the average holding $9,275.

"The interesting feature is the comparison with last year. With railroads, while the average capital of the 54 companies has increased from $71,776,517 to $76,981,632, the average number of stockholders for each company diminished from 5,647 to 5,336, and the average individual holding increased from $12,712 to $14,425. The average capital of the 56 industrial companies shows an increase from $54,026,774 to $56,130,341, and the average number of stockholders of each has advanced from 5,981 to 6,050, while the average holding has also increased from $9,033 to $9,275."

It will be observed that the tendency in railroads is toward a congested control, while in the case of industrials the reverse is true, if not in marked degree. The average holdings of stock in themselves indicate that both of these classes of corporations are definitely out of the ownership of the people, notwithstanding their immense capitalization, but in spite of these facts, the truth that there are more than a half million individual owners of these shares ought to indicate to a reasonable mind the widespread, if not controlling interest, had in them by the people, as opposed to the popular conception of the plutocratic trust manipulators. While in the case of the most conspicuous of all these corporations, the United States Steel Company, the number of its share-holders is in excess of 100,000.

If these figures have any meaning at all, they indicate two things clearly:

1st. That the great interstate corporations of the country, by virtue of their widespread activity, their importance to the whole people, and the restricted character of their control, must necessarily come under the principle of governmental supervision;

2nd. That on account of the great and popular investment in them by people of small means, the equity which in their interest justifies supervision, at the same time prohibits persecution through the instrumentality either of ambitious demagogues or obsolete statutes.

NEW TRAP FOR GRAFTERS.

As was Cleveland, when made President, and as Taft is now, Governor Harmon, of Ohio, has been made the target of much criticism because he retained in office certain Republican politicians left over from a former administration. In fact, it was freely predicted that he had broken his party by a failure to recognize party service.

It now appears, however, that the comparison with Cleveland and Taft was incorrect. They won the resentmen of their own parties by placing or keeping in office members of the opposition on account of peculiar fitness. But now it seems that Governor Harmon deliberately kept Republicans in office for a while, on account of their peculiar unfitness, and yet for a sound reason, both morally and politically. Just when the tumult against Governor Harmon was loudest, it leaked out that his reason for keeping over the Republicans referred to was that he was investigating them for graft. As a result, he is now rid of his officials, and has in his possession evidence which, when disclosed, will show astounding revelations of corruption.

It will therefore be within the Governor's power to force a thorough investigation by the Republicans, which cannot in its disclosures fail to help both himself and the Democracy in the Buckeye State. He has his political enemies between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea, with the unprepossessing alternatives of damning themselves by refusing to investigate or damning themselves again by investigating. Which damnation is preferable is a question which Ohio Republicans are now discussing with anything but pleasure.

On the whole the valuable reflection in this is that the Democracy still contains a man able, honest, and successful, who still knows how to play the political game with a fine finish and discernment. Not to the Roosevelt degree, Judge Harmon is a "practical man," evidently no less in getting office than in retaining it. And it would be idle to say that, in a large experience of a type of the opposite extreme, the innovation has not its satisfying points.

AMENITIES IN ROBESON.

We note with some distress a slight ripple across the happy surface of Christmas joy, peace and fellowship in the good county of Robeson, where progresses with unceasing fervor the movement for a new county. Says the Red Springs Citizen, with delicate allusion to its esteemed contemporary, the Maxton Scottish Chief:

"In regard to the Citizen's paragraph comparing the fight of the people for the North Robeson new county movement to the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight, the Maxton Chief dipped in with the following remark: 'We thought there was a nigger in the wood pile.' Maybe so, but the North Robeson supporters will endeavor to keep out all skunks."

Not for a moment being understood as enlisting on either side of this smouldering controversy, we would like to be enlightened as to whether the North Robesonians are relying on the nigger to outdo the skunk.

All whiskies look alike to Taft.

Car shortages make a worry that has a silver lining.

Such a Christmas as Asheville must have had. No water—no nothin'!

And now Mobile wants denatured alcohol. To the despairing a risk has no terrors.

We trust that Greensboro managed to have a merry Christmas in spite of its blue laws.

The President definitely lost the prohibition vote when he spoke of whiskies as potable.

Somehow both the Brokaws and Dr. Cook got lost in the Christmas festivities.

"Asheville Without Water" is the distress signal from the mountain metropolis. Doubtless the mail order houses heard the signal "C. Q. D."

It is now charged that Dr. Cook was not even the author of that most admirable series of lies which composed his manuscript. One by one the petals fall.

How will the W. C. T. U. reconcile their claim to Mr. Taft with the fact that he now sets himself up as the final authority on that much mooted point: "What is whiskey?"

The newspaper "contest coupon" is getting into the pernicious class of cigarette baseball pictures. In Lenoir county, they are robbing rural delivery boxes in order to cast votes for their best girls.

The lynching fever strikes in as erratic a manner as lightning. From Illinois it jumped to Georgia, and from Georgia to Virginia. Let us pray that it may continue to skip North Carolina.

Secretary Hitchcock might be appropriately reminded that the reason for the deficit in the carrying of the second class mails is that the railroads are paid three prices for carrying it, where a private shipper could doubtless get it carred for one.

President Taft effectually disposes of another of "my policies", when he reverses Theodore Roosevelt on the subject of what is whiskey. From all the evidence in the case, the country will probably conclude that in this question Roosevelt was right, in the nature of things.

Andrew Carnegie gets desperate and gives a yellow journal interview to the New York American, in which he declares that the future of Roosevelt is to head a movement for universal peace. Whatever else comes of it, the Return from Elba conspiracy is not going to be sidetracked by any such tulu as that.

The success of Governor Harmon in giving Republican officials sufficient rope in which to entangle themselves in proof of frauds is another reason for endorsing Hon. Robert Broadnax Glenn's opinion that he should be the next standard bearer of the Democracy. The next national candidate should be a statesman, of course, but it would not hurt to have him combine therewith something of the politician as well. With a "good Southern man" in second place, and with ex-Governor Glenn back in the political game, the Democracy could, with Harmon up, make a race for the money that would not catch the flag for distance.

A STAR BOY.

Youngster Who Is "On the Job" Wins High Praise.

Editor Star:—Next to integrity and honesty, perhaps, there is no more commendable and appreciated characteristic in any business man, or business concern, than punctuality in the discharge of each and every business obligation. We frequently meet with flagrant disregard of this very important duty, even among those whose higher business positions would, naturally, make the discharge of such an obligation imperative, and when one meets with a pointed exception to this class of laxity in the execution of business obligations, we are, naturally, very much impressed with the source from which such unusual exceptions arise. In recalling to mind many business transactions during the past year, I do not remember an instance of such punctuality and regard for business duties as has been evinced by the little carrier boy who has delivered me the morning paper throughout the present year. Not an instance during the entire year has he been dilatory or neglectful in delivering me the Star, and it is needless to add that such punctuality is a source of pleasure and satisfaction to any newspaper patron, and it is to be more appreciated and commended, when one considers the early hour the little fellow must get out, in order to get over his delivery route, and the aditional temptation, especially when cold and wet, to be neglectful and perhaps fail to make delivery to each subscriber whom he is expected to serve.

I do not know the little chap in question, but fully appreciate his manner of doing business, and predict for him a successful business career, should he continue such creditable punctuality in the discharge of future business obligations.

W. F. JONES.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 27, 1909.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Charity and Children has been in many a scrimmage since this time last year, but it feels today like the fellow, who after long years of patient wooing, had obtained the long yearned for "yes" from his girl, and going out into the night he looked up at the stars and said, "Lord, I ain't got nothing agin' nobody."—Charity and Children.

Although contrary to the theory of the law, self-respect should require some of the people of the Reelfoot Lake neighborhood to prove themselves innocent of the assassination of Capt. Quentin Rankin. The legal presumption is in favor of all not proved guilty, but legal presumption in particular cases insults common sense.—Columbia State.

There is doubt as to whether Baxter Shemwell is really sick enough to justify the action taken by the Governor in reprieving him. If he claims to be sick April 1, the Governor would be justified in having him examined at the State's expense. The sentiment of the people, so far as we can judge from editorial opinions is that Mr. Shemwell should receive the punishment that the court meted out to him.—Greensboro Telegram.

A negro preacher in Richmond came to grief in short order last Sunday. He started out to deliver the word to his flock in the country. On the way he concluded to try his key on the front door of a man's house and came near being killed. The owner of the premises jumped on him and landed him in jail. He had a rabbit's foot and a pint of gin in his pockets, but neither availed; the gin probably was too much for the rabbit foot.—Greensboro Record.

Tennessee furnished another striking example of the inefficiency of the machinery of the law as operated in this section. The cold-blooded assassins of Capt. Rankin were convicted at the first trial; a new trial was granted by the Supreme Court because to some judges a technicality seems bigger than justice. At the second trial ten stood for conviction, two for acquittal. So the assassins have another chance with the increasing prospect of escape from punishment.—Columbia State.

Senator Root, while Secretary of State, refused to attend an immigration conference in Florida, and in declining took the trouble to remark that the South need not seek immigration until she suppressed peonage, or something to that effect. J. C. Elder, one of the experts employed by the Congressional Immigration Commission, says that he found more cases of peonage in Minnesota by his unaided efforts than he did in all the South with the assistance of the Department of Justice.—Norfolk Landmark.

We do not know who is official pie dispenser for the Taft administration in South Carolina, if there is one, but President Taft seems to be able to select the best available man whenever a vacancy occurs. Judging from results, the President has access to more than one source of information about South Carolina affairs and he is not ignorant of the situation down here. The policy of designating an exclusive referee places the President at the mercy of one politician, for whose selections the President must in the end be wholly responsible, and this course evidently did not commend itself to the successor of Mr. Roosevelt.—Columbia Record.

"The most familiar phrase of the day," says the New York tribune, "is probably a misquotation of the angelic message. 'On earth peace, good will toward men,' the King James' version has it, while the latest revision transforms it to 'Peace among men in whom he is well pleased.' If we assume, as we may reasonably do, that the latest revision is the most accurate of all, we must admire the prescience with which Thackery, one of the happiest of Christmas interpreters, paraphrased it with spiritual if not literal exactness in memorable lines: 'Be peace on earth, be peace on earth. To men of gentle will'." Thackery very probably had consulted the original, for his translation is more nearly exact than the Revised Version. The original means "men of good pleasure."—Columbia State.

"The 30-Foot Waterway Edition" of the Wilmington Morning Star, as the publishers were pleased to call it, issued last week, was one of the biggest achievements of a North Carolina newspaper. It did the publishers of that venerable, dignified and always reliable paper, which by the way has been wonderfully rejuvenated and taken on new life in its old age, proud and reflected credit upon the city of Wilmington and interests the paper so well represents. The edition was 40 pages, handsomely illustrated and attractively gotten up, and contained much matter of vital interest. It speaks volumes for the paper and prosperity of North Carolina's chief seaport city and must prove of lasting benefit to Wilmington and the State at large. The Star is doing a great work towards the development of Wilmington, the future of which looms brighter every day.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Fritz Randolph Longstreet, a son of General James Longstreet, of the Confederate army, and a nephew of Judge A. B. Longstreet, one of the notable humorous writers of the South during the period from 1840 to 1860, is in Montgomery, seeking to find in the newspaper files in the arcnives department the prints of some of the fugitive writings of his uncle. Judge Longstreet was the author of "Georgia Scenes," and other stories of Southern country life in the South. He was a contributor to the Montgomery Mail when edited by Colonel Jonce J. Hooper ("Simon Suggs"). After the entry of the Federal raiders into Montgomery in 1865, the license of a rough soldiery led to the destruction of the property of some of the newspapers of that city, including the complete files of the Montgomery Mail, that contained much that if preserved would be invaluable in historic interest. Mr. Longstreet solicits the aid of anyone who has preserved copies of any of the prints for which he is searching.—Mobile Register.

GOLD MONEY.

Let us suggest that you open a Savings Account at The People's Savings Bank, with the gold money you received as a Christmas Gift. In this way you can show your appreciation of the Gift and at the same time profit by the transaction, as the 4 per cent interest which the bank will add, will make the amount much larger by this time next year. January 1st is the beginning of a regular interest period at The "People's" Bank.
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OPEN EVENINGS.

THE A. DAVID CO.

BIDS FOR STREET BONDS

N. W. Halsey & Co., New York, Offered a Premium of $1,789—Likely That Sale Will be Made to Them.

The $100,000 worth of street improvement bonds recently ordered sold by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Audit and Finance, will very likely be purchased by N. W. Halsey & Co., New York City, at a premium of $1,789. Pursuant to advertisement the bids were opened at the City Hall yesterday at noon and of the five firms making bids for the bonds the Halsey Company offered the highest premium. Their proposition was accepted by the Finance Committee, subject to the approval of the two boards.

The bids were opened in the office of City Clerk and Treasurer J. J. Fowler, who acted as clerk. Those present were Aldermen Hinton and Stone of the Finance Committee; Mr. M. J. Heyer, chairman of the Board of Audit and Finance, and City Attorney Herbert McClammy. The bonds are to run 40 years, bear 4 1-2 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, and will be of $1,000 denominations.

The premiums offered ranged from $10.50 to $1,789. The bids were as follows:

Security Trust Co., of Spartanburg, S. C., bonds at par with $250 premium. The firm also made an offer of $3,250 premium for the issue at 5 per cent. This was not desired and did not count in the considerations of the bids. Weil, Roth & Co., of Cincinnati, bonds at par, with $160 premium. N. W. Halsey & Co., bonds at par with $1,789 premium. Farson, Son & Co., New York City, bonds at par, with $10.50 premium. The Union Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, bonds at par, $827 premium.

Mr. W. S. Glenn, president of the Security Trust Co., Spartanburg, S. C., was present in person. The other firms were not represented.

The offer of N. W. Halsey & Co., is as good as was expected in view of the condition of the bond market at the present. The recommendation of the Finance Committee will be passed upon by the Board of Aldermen Monday night and the Board of Audit and Finance at its next meeting and it is likely that the boards will concur in approval of the sale to the Halsey company.

RECORDER HAD "FULL HOUSE."

Forty-one Cases on the Docket Yesterday—Mostly Drunks.

As the result of over-indulgence in celebration of Christmastide there were a large number of defendants in the Recorder's court yesterday morning. There were all told 41 cases on the docket and all but five were charged with drunkenness or disorderly conduct, the latter being the result of drink. Justice was tempered with mercy and the defendants, all of them, got off as light as they could expect. Some were fined $5 and costs, some $2 and others escaped with the payment of the costs. There were some before the Recorder on the charge of drunkenness who had never before committed such an offense against the peace and dignity of the State and they vowed never again would they attempt to consume all the "blind tiger" stuff in the city. There were whites and blacks, old and young. There was an unusually large number of spectators, so many, in fact, that the court room looked as if "blind tigers" were being tried.

Pearly Tyson was charged with shooting a pistol in the city limits and fined $5 and taxed with the costs. Iva Randall, a white man, residing at Delgado, was required to pay $10 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon. The case was sent up from Justice Bornemann's court. Cases against Henry McNeil and David Jones, charged with shooting firecrackers in violation of the city ordinance, were dismissed, and Will Perry, charged with a similar offense, was let off upon payment of costs.

ARTHUR CROOM RETURNS

Arrested by Police Last Night on Four Charges—Trial Today.

After a struggle lasting several minutes, Arthur Croom, young white man, was arrested at corner of Eighth and Nixon streets, at 6 o'clock last evening by Patrolmen Jones, Wood and Minshue and taken to the City Hall, where four charges were preferred against him—drunkenness, disorderly conduct, fast driving and resisting arrest. About 10 o'clock last night he succeeded in giving bond for his appearance before the Recorder this morning. Croom has a suspended judgment hanging over him in the Recorder's court. It will be recalled that he was indicted by Mr. Walter Gaylor some three or four months ago on the charge of nuisance and a peace warrant. He was given a hearing before Justice George Harriss and the nuisance case sent to the Recorder, who suspended judgment upon the condition that the defendant leave town and not return within six months.

Davis-Walton Nuptials.

Mr. J. H. Davis, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Flossie Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton, of this city, were happily united in marriage Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the ceremony being performed at the parsonage of the Advent Christian Church, of Wilmington, Rev. C. H. Sweet officiating. There were present only a few relatives and intimate friends, including Mr. Porter Davis, brother of the groom, who acted as best man.

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TO HANDLE IMMENSE FORTUNE

Young Wilmingtonian Named as One of the Trustees of Will of Mrs. Florence P. Tucker of Raleigh—High Praise.

The Raleigh News and Observer of Sunday contains this interesting reference to a young Wilmingtonian and speaks of him in these terms of praise:

"To be one of the trustees of an estate representing nearly a million dollars is a rare thing for a young man who had been known by the owner for only eight years, and who is not 28 years old. This was the responsible and flattering portion of Mr. Cary K. Durfey, of this city, who was the right-hand man in the many and varied interests and enterprises of Mrs. Florence P. Tucker, whose death a few days ago removed the most remarkable woman in business this State has produced.

"It was not alone the splendid executive ability and wise management of Mr. Durfey that won him the coveted favor, but more than all else his absolute honesty and unspotted character, which Mrs. Tucker had observed and admired during this young man's service as her representative in all her matters of business. That honesty pays was never better exemplified than in this instance.

"A picture of Mr. Durfey is presented with this brief statement of the remarkable trust that has been reposed in him. He was born in Wilmington December 28, 1882, and early in life his family removed to Wilson, where he attended the graded schools. Ten years ago he felt that a better opportunity might be presented him in Raleigh, as he must enter his career without capital, and he came to Raleigh, clerking in a store two years. Mrs. Tucker one day asked a gentleman where she might find a young man to collect for her, saying she desired one who was honest, capable and reliable. She was referred by his Sunday School teacher to young Durfey, who accepted the position, and from the beginning he rose steadily and rapidly to the most important position Mrs. Tucker had to bestow. For the past two years he managed her business affairs practically alone, Mrs. Tucker having been out of the city a great part of the time, and it was with signal ability that he assumed charge and directed the management.

"It would be difficult to name some manner of business that Mrs. Tucker was not interested in in Raleigh. It has been said that she rented real estate to every kind of business except a bar-room, and the range of this is appreciated when it is stated that she rented even to religious organizations houses of worship. She owned stocks and bonds in large amounts and besides the fine office building in Raleigh she conducted a farm near this city.

"Mr. Durfey is secretary-treasurer of the Carolina Electrical Company, secretary of Raleigh Lodge of Masons and an officer in several religious organizations. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and one of its most active young men."

In an editorial the News and Observer pays this deserved tribute to Mr. Durfey:

"When the will of the late Mrs. F. P. Tucker was read, and it was learned that Mr. Carey K. Durfey was named with Judge Womack as executor and trustee, not a few people asked: "Who is Durfey?" Most business men in Raleigh knew him, but there were people in Raleigh who had never heard of the quiet young man who for several years had been employed by Mrs. Tucker to transact her business. He had lived in Raleigh only ten years and Mrs. Tucker never heard of him until a few years ago. She found him clean of life, honest, willing, capable. He won her full confidence in his capacity and in his integrity and she gave him a trust that the richest man in Raleigh would have felt it an honor to receive. The estate is worth nearly a million dollars and it is to be held in trust. That this unknown young man should have been entrusted with equal power with Judge Womack in so important a matter contains a moral.

"Mr. Durfey owes his success to his industry, integrity and good sense. While other young men, enjoying what the world calls superior advantages, were spending the time in loafing, playing pool, and pleasure, young Mr. Durfey won a place and a confidence that gives him a position among Raleigh's most trusted leaders. The road to success lies along the path trod by this young man. It is proper to state that when he came to Raleigh, he became a regular attendant upon Sunday School and church, and was as unostentatious in his religious life as in his business. That is the type of young men the world needs and when such young men have capacity, there is always promotion for them."

Charged With Assault.

Eugene Harris, a young white man, was arrested last night by Constable W. B. Savage on the charge of assault with deadly weapon upon Ed. Parker, young white man, at Sixth and Castle streets, early Christmas morning. He will be given a hearing before Justice George Harriss at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It will be recalled that Parker was found by officers about 1 o'clock Friday night with an ugly wound on his head. He was sent to the hospital, where his wound was dressed. He was evidently hit with a fence paling.

Funeral of Mrs. Guthrie.

The funeral of Mrs. Amelia Guthrie, wife of the late James Guthrie, of Southport, whose death occurred at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. J. D. Price, 115 Castle street, Saturday afternoon, was held at Southport Sunday. The body was taken to Southport on the steamer Wilmington Sunday morning. The pall-bearers to the boat were: Messrs. James A Drew, J. D. Davis, W. P. Duncan and J. J. Darby.

Christmas Tree Entertainment.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Sunday School will hold its Christmas entertainment tonight at 8 o'clock. As the programme consists of song service, responsive reading, reciting and children's exercises, a cordial invitation is extended to all.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

An Important Adjourned Meeting Held at First Presbyterian Church Yesterday Afternoon—Several Matters Before Body.

An important adjourned meeting of the Wilmington Presbytery was held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, with a large attendance. The Presbytery was called to order by Rev. E. B. Carr, of Phoenix, the moderator, who requested that Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, take the chair.

Mr. Carr offered his resignation as evangelist of Brunswick county in order to accept the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Chadbourn. The resignation was accepted and Mr. Carr will shortly begin his pastorate of the Chadbourn church.

Three young men, Messrs. Jordan and Thompson, members of the Delgado mission of the First Presbyterian church, and a Mr. Farrior, of the Mount Zion Church, near Magnolia, were received as candidates for the ministry.

The First Church of this city asked that Rev. J. M. Plowden be released from the general work of evangelist of the Presbytery to do special local work for the First church. The request was granted. Mr. Plowden is already in charge of the work at Delgado.

Rev. K. McCaskill offered his resignation as pastor of the Rock River group of four churches in order that he might accept calls in Virginia. After a conference on several matters, the Presbytery adjourned at 5 o'clock to meet at Atkinson, N. C., Tuesday, January 11th, at 11 A. M., to further consider Mr. McCaskill's resignation.

Among those present at the meeting were: Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, who presided; Rev. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Church; Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. M. Plowden; Rev. W. P. M. Currie, of Wallace; Rev. W. M. Sikes, of Burgaw; Rev. E. B. Carr, of Phoenix; Rev. W. M. Shaw, pastor of the Bladen field.

Dr. Wells called special attention to the Laymen's Convention which is to be held in Greensboro the 12th and 13th of January and urged all the churches of the Presbytery to send representatives.

BELATED CHRISTMAS JAG

White Man Made Merry on Water Street Yesterday Morning.

Mr. C. H. Thomson, a well known man of this city, made merry at corner of Water and Princess street early yesterday morning. The police say that about 8 o'clock he entered the near-beer saloon of Mr. Ralph Kennedy, corner of Water and Princess streets, and ordered Mr. Alex. Wells, a clerk, to shut up shop. The command was not heeded so Thomson proceeded to close the doors himself. This irritated Mr. Wells and he threw the intruder out into the streets. The police say that Thomson then went across the street to the office of Roger Moore's Sons & Co. Oscar Williams, negro porter, was in the office and asked Thomson what he wanted The man under the influence of drink then whipped out his pistol and told the negro to make himself scarce. Williams left the office in a hurry and as he started through the door Thomson fired, the bullet going wild, however. Patrolman W. R. Applebery and Lucas Moore were called and placed Thomson under arrest, taking him to police headquarters, where he later gave bond for his appearance before the Recorder today.

A person closely related to the defendant stated last night that Mr. Thomson had been drugged and that the negro insulted him on the street. It was further stated that the nature of the duties of Mr. Thomson, who is employed by one of the railroads, made it necessary for him to go to work early in the morning, leaving home about 2:30 or 3 o'clock, and that owing to the unseasonableness of the hour he always carried his pistol down with him, but would leave it at home when he returned to breakfast.

When the report of the shooting became bruited about the city, Mr. C. H. Thompson, of Penny Bros. & Co., was kept busy setting at rest the minds of incredulous friends, who were anxious to know why, when and what for. For once, in a way, this Mr. C. H. Thompson found his name a decided embarrassment.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES.

Interesting Meet in Gymnasium of Y. M. C. A. This Afternoon.

An interesting High School athletic meet will be held in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A., this afternoon, beginning promptly at 3 o'clock, under the direction of Mr. B. H. Tyrrell. Those expecting to take part in the contest are urged to be present at 3 o'clock. The following are the events: Relay race, spring board high jump, pole vault, potato race, broad jump, obstacle race, game of basket ball. The boys will be divided into two groups and the divisions will contest as well as the individuals. The winning side will be presented candy, fruits, nuts, etc., and, of course, the losers will be permitted to share in the luxuries. Thursday afternoon there will be a meet between pupils of the Union and Hemenway schools.

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XMAS EXERCISES SUNDAY

Fine Programme at St. Paul's Lutheran Church—Canday for Infant Department—Offerings at St. John's and St. James'.

Interesting and altogether pleasing Christmas exercises were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday evening and as usual the attendance was large, filling practically every seat in the auditorium. The interior of the church was made beautiful by the Christmas decorations. Placed in front was a large tree, procured in the North, and entwined among the branches were 60 electric bulbs, the effect being pretty indeed.

The programme was varied and interesting and was carried out in a manner that reflected credit upon all the participants. The children marched into the church in a body. Soon after they entered the lights in the building, except those around the chancel and on the Christmas tree were extinguished while the children sang, "Silent Night." This was followed by a choral, "Swell Strains Celestial" by the Sunday School. Following the reading of the first lesson was a choral, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by the Sunday School, followed by the second lesson with the responsory by the choir. This was followed by a recitation, "How to Spend Christmas," Edna Hatch; responsive reading No. 3, boys; choral, "The Darkness Has Fallen," solo and chorus; responsive reading, No. 5, girls; choral, "Away in a Manger," the primary department; recitation, "In a Manger So Low," Marie Bonitz; choral, "While Shepherds Watched," solo and chorus; german recitation, "Weihnachtsfest," Miss Elizabeth Grossman; choral, "Herald Star of Love," the Sunday School. At this juncture, the pastor, Rev. W. A. Snyder, made a short address and his remarks were most pleasantly received. The remainder of the programme was Choral, "The Holy Christmas Morn," the primary department; "Christmas catechism," the Sunday School; choral, "The Star of the East," the Sunday School; recitation, "At Christmas Time," Myrtle Vollers; offertory, the choir; choral, "The Christmas Song is Ringing," the Sunday School.

Members of the infant department received a box of candy from the tree. The members of the Intermediate and Senior departments decided to send the money the candy for them would have cost to the Orphans' Home, Salem, Va. Mr. H. F. Otten is superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. L. Freimuth, superintendent of the primary department; Mr. Edward Wright, secretary; Mr. J. H. Hintze, librarian. Mrs. Schulken presided at the organ Sunday night.

At St. John's Church.

At St. John's Episcopal church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning Rev. W. E. Cox, the rector, preached a sermon appropriate to the day and the choir repeated the splendid musical programme of Christmas Day. The children's Caristmas service was held at 4:15 P. M. and was of a very sweet and impressive nature. The children assembled in the Sunday School room and marched into the church. At the door the column divided, one line going down the right aisle and the other down the left aisle, meeting in front of the chancel, where on a table placed for the purpose the children deposited their Christmas offerings, which consisted chiefly of canned goods and fruits for the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte. The rector, Rev. W. E. Cox, delivered a short address appropriate to the occasion, speaking of the joy in giving to others, especially to those who have no father and mother to see that their wants and needs are supplied at the blessed Christmastide. The church had been beautifully decorated for Christmas with bamboo and pines.

The children of the Sunday School will give their Christmas entertainment at 8 o'clock tonight in the Sunday School room. An attractive programme has been prepared and consists of readings, recitations, songs and a play called "Catechism play," presented by 18 children. There will be no admission fee and the public generally is cordially invited to attend.

At St. James' Church.

The children's Christmas service of St. James' Episcopal Church was held at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. The church was appropriately decorated. The service consisted of carols by the children and an address by Rev. Dr. Wm H. Milton, rector of the church. The children marched into the church in a body and deposited their offerings on a table in front of the chancel. The offerings consisted of toys, books, fruits, etc., which were later turned over to the Salvation Army to be distributed among the poor children of the city.

East Wilmington Last Night.

The Christmas tree exercises of the East Wilmington Mission of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church were held last night. The attendance was large and the programme was of unusual excellence. A large number of the members of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of St. Andrew's church attended, going out in a wagonette. Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's, who started the mission and who holds services every month, was present and assisted in the exercises.

Recitations were given by little Misses Dorothy Mills and Nannie Bowen and Miss Rachel Pearsall, Bessie Mills and Isabel McDougall, of the city. Miss Sudie Mills, who presided at the organ, was presented with a beautiful beaten brass jardeniere by the school. A similar present was presented to Dr. McClure. Gifts were also presented to Mr. Mercer Taylor, superintendent of the Sunday School, and Mr. Eustace Norfleet, assistant superintendent. Among those present was Mr. W. H. Sprunt, who made an appropriate short address. Then came the distribution of the many presents on the tree by Santa Claus, who was well impersonated by one of the members of the mission.

The mission will have a house of worship in a short time. A site has already been procured and the plans for the edifice have been drawn.

Bladen Street Church.

There was a large congregation at Bladen Street Methodist Church last night to attend the Christmas tree exercises of that church. The edifice was prettily decorated in Christmas greens which added to the beautiful effect of the well lighted and heavily laden tree. The programme consisted of songs, recitations and dialogues by the children of the Sunday School, each and everyone of whom merited the warm praise they received for the manner in which they executed their individual parts. Rev. W. L. Rexford, the pastor, made a brief address in which he spoke interestingly of the significance of this joyous season. The distribution of the presents from the tree was the most important feature of the entertainment for the little folks and there was something for all.

Delgado Presbyterian Church.

Especially interesting and enjoyable exercises were held at the Delgado Presbyterian church, a mission of the First Church, last night and the congregation filled every seat in the building. A beautiful Christmas tree added to the effectiveness of the other decorations of greens. Mr. A. J. Howell, superintendent of the Sunday School, was in charge of the exercises. The programme consisted of songs and recitations and the little folks did exceedingly well, winning warm praise from all. A special orchestra, composed of Mr. J. E. Willson, Cameron F. MacRae, Esq., Mr. W. A. Martin Mr. W. A. Wood and Miss Mae Willson, rendered delightful music, interspersing the other features of the programme. Following the exercises the presents were distributed. The congregation was dismissed by prayer by Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, pastor of the First Church.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. M. C. Russ, of Canetuck, was making calls in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. H. Flowers, of Bolivia, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Mr. F. A. Cashwell returned yesterday to his home at Fairmont, N. C., after spending several days with friends in the city.

—Mr. Baxter Ozment, assistant foreman of The Morning Star, returned yesterday from a pleasant visit of a few days to his mother in Charlotte.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The water in the Cape Fear is still quite low but the river steamers are expected in today from up-river points.

—By a deed filed for record yesterday W. M. Cumming and wife transfer to O. A. Durant, for $500 and other considerations, lot on northeast corner of 14th and Castle streets, 66x165 feet in size.

—Lizzie Madison, colored, was tried before Justice Harriss yesterday afternoon on a peace warrant sworn out by another negress. She was required to give a $25 bond to keep the peace for six months.

—Sarah Melvin, colored, about 50 years old, thought to be insane, was taken into custody last night by Patrolman Joe Lane. The negress was lodged in the city prison and will probably be examined before the Clerk of Superior Court today as to her sanity.

—The Clyde Liner Carib arrived at 11 o'clock last night from New York. The weather on the outside was reported pretty rough. It was stated at the offices of the company that the captain of the Carib saw the disabled steamer Iroquois on his voyage here.

—A civil action was started in Superior Court yesterday entitled H. L. Vollers against J. W. Kerr. It is understood that the plaintiff is suing for something over $300 alleged to be due on an open account. Kellum & Loughlin represent the plaintiff.

Return Hearty Thanks.

The street car conductors and motormen of the Tidewater Power Company were the recipients Christmas Day of a cash present from Mr. James Sprunt and cigars and cigarettes from Sheriff S. P. Cowan. The "boys" deeply appreciated the remembrance and ask that their sincere thanks be tendered Messrs. Sprunt and Cowan through the columns of The Star.

COL BRYAN VISITS HAVANA.

Was Met at Breakfast by Many Distinguished Cubans.

Havana, Dec. 27.—William Jennings Bryan who is on his way to Jamaica, arrived here this morning. He was entertained at breakfast by the American minister, Edwin V. Morgan. The guests numbered more than 100 and included the vice president of Cuba, Alfredo Zayas, Brigadier General Asbert, Governor of Havana Province, Col. Orestes, Ferrara, president of the House of Representatives, and other Cuban officials, as well as the most prominent members of the American colony.

Mr. Bryan made a brief address expressive of the cordial good wishes of the people of the United States toward Cuba. Afterwards he was presented by Minister Morgan to President Gomez. Mr. Bryan left tonight for Santiago.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 27.—William Jennings Bryan left here yesterday for Knight's Key, going thence to Jamaica, where he will join his family. He was greatly improved in health.

PRESIDENT'S NIECE TO MARRY.

Wedding Will Take Place in New York December 30th.

New York, Dec. 27.—George Hoggsnowden, 26 years old, of Seattle, obtained a license at the City Hall today to wed Miss Louise Witherbee Taft, daughter of Henry W. Taft, brother of the President. The wedding will be held at the Taft home here December 30th. President and Mrs. Taft are expected in New York early Wednesday to attend the wedding. Only members of the two families will be present on account of the recent death of the President's sister-in-law, Mrs. Horace Taft, in Connecticut. The bride and bridegroom will take a honeymoon trip for six or eight months in Europe and will make their home in Seattle.

CROUP
is the ghost that haunts every hour of a child's life. GOWAN'S PREPARATION gives instant relief and comfort. Just rub it on—don't weaken the stomach with drugs. Keep it in the home. $1.00, 50c, 25c. All druggists.

COOK'S REPORT WAS FAKED.

Copenhagen Scientists May Make Another Report.

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—The special committee of Copenhagen University which investigated Dr. Frederick A Cook's polar records, is now considering whether or not it will publish a second report, giving further details of its work. If the committee should decide to do so it will issue the report about the middle of January.

A member of the committee said today that some of the details of Cook's narrative of his expedition were fabricated, and his papers showed that he had used calculations furnished by Captain Loose. The second report, he added, would present evidence to that effect.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 27.—John R. Bradley, the financial backer of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, is in Augusta to get a few days rest. He refused to enter into the polar controversy today further than to say that he does not know the whereabouts of Dr. Cook. He was asked if he thought Dr. Cook would still produce convincing proof of his discovery of the Pole and to this he replied, that he did not care to talk about the matter as the Polar controversy was past history to him.

PINCHOT MAKES BOLD SPEECH.

Special Interests Make Repeated Attack on Forest Service.

New York, Dec. 27.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, declared in a speech here today before a number of prominent publishers at the University Club that special interests have made repeated attacks on the United States forest service and these attacks have increased in violence just in proportion as the service has offered effective opposition to predatory wealth.

To Advertise is a good resolution for the New Year

DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Georgian Kills His Wife, Shot Her Mother and Then Himself.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 27.—Despondent and in an ugly mood following excessive drinking, Edward B. Alford tonight shot and killed his wife, seriously injured his mother in law, Mrs. Martha Exum, then turned his pistol on himself, firing one bullet into his right temple and another into his right lung, inflicting injuries which will result in his death.

Attracted to the place by five successive shots, Officer R. L. Thomas would also have fallen victim before Alford's gun except for the fact that all five cartridges had been previously fired. As the officer walked in the bank to the place where the three bodies lay beside a fence, Alford, prostrated upon the ground and groaning with pain, turned and snapped his revolver in the policeman's face.

At the Macon hospital at midnight the surgeons stated that Mrs. Exum would recover. She was shot through the fleshy part of the left arm and through the neck. Alford's death is but a matter of a few hours.

After abusing his wife and her mother tonight he drew his pistol and stated to them he was going to kill them and himself. They fled from the house. He followed and fired upon Mrs. Exum, shooting her as she ran.

The wife ran toward her husband after he had shot her mother. He then turned his gun upon himself. The husband fell across the body of wife and in this position the officer found the three prostrate forms. A four year old daughter was absent from home when the tragedy occurred.

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WANTED:

Young men and women for positions of trust, where intelligent service will be appreciated nad paid for—

Experienced men and women for positions requiring ability and tact—

People of all ages, of all talents, of divers abilities, for suitable lines of employment—

Used things—such as pianos, organs, every sort of musical instrument, writing machines, cash registers, store and office fixtures, talking machines, books, engravings, post cards, stamp collections, rugs, carpets, furniture of every kind—

Horses and carriages, trucks, business wagons, bicycles, guns, cameras, fishing tackle, automobiles—

Real estate—lots, plots, acres, leaseholds, equities, houses, flats, apartments, stores—

Instruction in painting, singing, the violin and piano, shorthand, accounting, languages, correspondence, dancing—

Places to live—houses, apartments, furnished rooms, boarding places—

These are some of the thousands of people and things that are "wanted" in this city just now—and if you can fill any of these wants,

Inquire of the Public
THROUGH A STAR
BUSINESS LOCAL

DO YOU PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRIES?

Those of you who have been making your purchases away from Wilmington should think before patronizing mail order and houses away from home any further.

Who sympathized with you when your little girl was sick? Was it the mail order house?

Who carried you last winter when you were out of a job and had no money? Was it the mail order house or was it your home merchant?

When you want to raise money for the church or for some needy person in town, do you write to the mail order house, or do you go to your home merchant?

How much does the mail order house give towards keeping up sidewalks or paying the minister's salary?

When you were sick how many nights did the mail order house sit up with you?

When you had to raise money to pay your gas bill, did you get it from the mail order house or a home merchant or contractor?

When your loved one was buried, was it your home merchant who dropped the tear of sympathy and uttered the cheering word, or was it the mail order house?

PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Murphy, of Greensboro, are visiting the family of Mr. C. C. Covington, on Grace street.

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Mr. J. C. McEachin returned to the city last night after spending the holidays very pleasantly at his home in Laurinburg.

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Mr. Howard B. Branch, telegraph editor of The Star, will return today from Durham, where he spent Christmas with his parents.

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Miss Antoinette Black, of Winter Park, a student of the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, is spending the holidays at home.

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Miss Nettie K. Pugh, an attractive young lady of Baltimore, Md., will arrive in the city tomorrow to visit at the home of Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, 211 South Fifth street.

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Mr. Benjamin Bell, Jr., assistant news editor of the Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch, is spending a few days here with his father and has been most cordially greeted by his many friends.

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Mr. John Paul Lucas, city editor of the Charlotte Evening Chronicle, returned to Charlotte Sunday after spending a few days here with his wife and children, who are guests of Mrs. Lucas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Craft, 119 North Sixth street.

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Mr. J. Bryan Russell, a large ranch owner of Quintaque, Texas, is visiting his brother, Dr. Frank H. Russell. Mr Russell left Wilmington ten years ago and this is his first visit to his old home. He has been most cordially greeted by his many friends here.

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Misses Ruth and Ernestine Bridgers, students of St. Mary's school, Raleigh, who are home for the holidays, gave an enjoyable dance at their home last night, which was attended by a number of their young friends.

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This evening Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones ,of New York City, will give a dance at their country estate, at Airlie-on-the-Sound. Several hundred invitations have been issued to Wilmington society folks and they will go to the sound on special cars provided by the Tidewater Power Co.

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Saturday's Baltimore Sun: "Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Carter and the latter's mother, Mrs. Murchison, are spending some time in Wilmington, N. C.—Miss Amoret Price, of North Calvert street, left last evening for Wilmington, N. C., where she will be the guest of Mrs. Ancrum Lord."

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Yesterday afternoon Miss Nellie Pickard delightfully entertained the members of her kindergarten and Sunday School classes at her home on North Fourth street. There were between 40 and 50 children present and all had a most enjoyable time. Dainty refreshments were served and souvenirs appropriate to the season were given.

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Mr. A. G. Walton, who had in charge the compiling of the thirty-foot waterway edition of The Star, left yesterday for Birmingham, Ala., accompanied by Mrs. Walton. During their short stay in Wilmington, both Mr. and Mrs. Walton have endeared themselves to a large circle of friends, who regret very much to see them leave, but will be pleased to learn that they intend to spend some time at the beach next Summer.

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A delightful favor dance will be given in the Masonic Temple tonight by the Kneisel Dancing Academy. This promises to be one of the most pleasant social events of the season. The regular children's class will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Saturday night a big masquerade dance will be given. Wednesday evening the annual Christmas german of L'Arioso German Club will begin and the annual dance of L'Agile Cotillon Club will be given Friday night. The dance of the Sigma Nu Fraternity will be given Thursday night.

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THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE INFORMAL STAG SUPPER.

A delightfully informal stag supper was given last night by several warm personal friends of Mr. Benjamin Bell, Jr., formerly engaged in newspaper work here, but now holding the responsible position of assistant news editor of The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va., who is spending the holidays with his father in this city. The supper was served by Messrs. Schuler & Caase, caterers, in a private room over the Globe Cafe. Several informal talks were made and many bright and interesting stories were told by those assembled around the festival board. It was a jolly occasion, characterized by good feeling and warmth of welcome for Mr. Bell. Those present were: Messrs. Meares Harriss, Louis T. Moore, Waddell Watters, Frank G. Harriss, Frank Williams, Sidney McMillan, T. F. Wood, Henry Nash, Clarence LeGrande, Fred Hashagen, Z. K. Bell, Geo. Jackson, Jr., Platt W. Davis, George Ashe, W. B. McKoy, Jr., Wm. I. Baxter, Oscar P. Peck, Samuel Royal and Benjamin Bell, Jr., the guest of honor.

MR. T. L. McNAIR STRICKEN.

Prominent Merchant and Farmer of Laurinburg in Extremis.

Friends in Wilmington and throughout this section of the State will regret to know that Mr. Thos. L. McNair, of Laurinburg, a brother of Mr. John F. McNair and a large merchant and farmer of Scotland county, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home on Saturday. An entire side is affected and he has lost the power of speech. News from Laurinburg yesterday was to the effect that Mr. McNair was resting easily but he is still in a very precarious condition.

THE JOY OF DINING reaches its height if the cook uses SAUER'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS

The Theatre

The Four Pickerts, who are big favorites in Wilmington, and company opened their popular price engagement at the Academy last night. There was almost a "standing room only" audience, but the inaugural performance was a big success from more than a financial standpoint, as it scored a big artistic success. The opening bill was Willis Maxwell Goodhue's comedy, "Hello Bill", and which the people of Wilmington gave up $1.50 per seat to see two seasons ago. But this bill alone, and upon which the company is paying a big royalty, attests the excellence of the repertoire.

The play was given a fine presentation, and the cast did fine work. Especially good were Clint Dodson, as "William Foster"; Val C. Cleary, as "General William Fuller"; Miss Lillian Pickerd, as "Harriet Sterling"; Blanche Pickert, as "Dorothy Dare", and Miss Grace Pickert, as "Isabelle Dare."

The specialties presented between acts were exceedingly clever and, of course, the Four Pickerts were given an ovation when they appeared in their big joint vaudeville turn. The other artists also did clever work, and both Messrs. Harry J. Moseley and E. Bert Edwards were accorded vigorous applause of approval.

Tonight the company will be seen in the big modern success "The Captain's Double", and a big new vaudeville programme will be presented. The sale of seats is now at the Crystal Palace.

Tomorrow matinee the company will be seen in "For the Love of a Girl", and the prices will be but 10 and 20 cents.

With the offering of Cohan and Harris' Minstrels Thursday night of this week and Lillian Russell, for Thursday night of next week, January 6th, the Academy of Music will present not only two of the most notable events of this season, but two of the most important of any season and that could be made by any theatre. Both are Broadway attractions and to say such about a minstrel organization is indeed a big tribute. The coming of Lillian Russell has already excited great interest.

Thursday night the Cohan and Harris show will present what will be the greatest minstrel performance Wilmington has even seen. It will also be the most mammoth and as witty George Cohan has proclaimed it: "Everything new but the cork." The organization is headed by "Honey Boy" Evans and it numbers very nearly one hundred. This is the most gigantic company ever presented to the public and the parade that will be given Thursday afternoon will be startling within itself. In the Cohan and Harris show will be seen a real minstrel performance, and yet one that will be of costly and elaborate nature. Seats for the performance will go on sale at the Palace tomorrow (Wednesday) morning.

It has truly been said by New York critics that no minstrel performance has ever been presented in America that met with such unanimous approval as the splendid entertainment offered by this company a year ago. Encouraged by the great success attained during their first year of minstrel management, Messrs. Cohan & Harris are presenting this year a minstrel organization which is said to be fully up to the hight standard established by his company last year. It is entirely new from the first part to the concluding feature. The latter is a minstrel one act musical comedy in two scenes, written expressly for this entertainment by George M. Cohan, entitled "The Fireman's Picnic." Mr. Cohan has given his personal attention to its production and has composed for it several of his most characteristic musical hits.

Coming of Lillian Russell.

Lillian Russell will be seen at the Academy Thursday, January 6th, in her great success, "The First Night," a comedy by George V. Hobart, which was brought out this season when the great demand for farce and comedy showed the public interest in laugh provoking efforts. It is estimated that there are more laughs in "The First Night" than are crowded into three ordinary pieces. Miss Russell is a picture in the leading character of this piece and she is supported by a company that includes Digby Bell and a dozen or more other favorites of the American stage.

At the Bijou Today.

The titles of the pictures that will be shown at the Bijou theatre today are "Annual Celebration of School Children, Newark, N. J., Open Air Exercises, Aug. 19, 1909." and "The Heart of a Clown." In the former there are about 400 children engaged in a series of most pleasing dances and exercises and all have been artistically reproduced by the camera operator. The second picture portrays a day in the life of a clown who is proprietor of a small traveling circus in Europe. It is a picture that will prove especially interesting and amusing to the children, and the blending of comedy and pathos is sure to carry weight with the older people.

COAL MINE REPORTED ON FIRE.

Nothing Known as to Safety of Miners in Shaft.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 27.—L. M. Jones, in charge of the Knoxville mine rescue station, received a message late today summoning him to Artemus, Ky., where the Cumberland mine was reported to be on fire. He left at once with a full equipment of apparatus. Nothing is known here as to whether any miners are imprisoned in the burning mine. The mine is owned by the George L. Carter interests.

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MARRIED MAN KILLS GIRL.

Infuriated Because He Could Not Pay Attention to Her.

Toledo, O., Dec. 27.—Carol Hunt, age 18, was instantly killed tonight, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hunt, were wounded, not seriously. Jos. Mackley, aged 25, who is charged with having shot them, is sought by the police.

The promiscuous shooting occurred at the Hunt home on Howard street. According to the police, Mackley, a railroader, who is said to have a wife and child in Mansfield, Ohio, attempted to pay attentions to the girl and was enraged when repulsed. He entered the Hunt home tonight and declaring his intention of killing the family, drew a revolver and began shooting. The girl was shot in the head and breast, the father in the face and the mother in the shoulder. Frank Hunt, a brother of the girl, jumped through a window and escaped. After exhausting all the cartridges in his revolver, Mackley re-loaded, fired four more shots and fled.

FOOTBALL WILL BE RETAINED.

Mass Plays and Other Dangerous Plays to be Eliminated.

New York, Dec. 27.—Fifty colleges out of approximately sixty-four in the collegiate athletic association have voted for the retention of the American football game with the elimination of mass plays and other dangerous plays. This was made known tonight by the executive committee of the association on the eve of the meeting to be held tomorrow.

Skeleton in the Closet.

The original of the singular saying "A skeleton in the closet," which is found in almost every language in Europe, is found in one of those curious collections of stories that have come down from the middle ages. In one of these collections, compiled by an unknown hand about the middle of the tenth century, there is a story of a wealthy lady who, having a secret grief, confided it to a friend who was apparently a perfectly happy woman. She was the wife of a nobleman who lived in his castle in the south of France. She and her husband were outwardly on the most loving terms. Not a care cloud seemed to cast a shadow on her path.

After hearing the story of her afflicted friend the noble lady took her by the hand and led her to a secret chamber adjoining her bedroom, there opened the door of a closet and exposed a skeleton. "Know, my friend," she said, "no one is happy. Every day I am forced by my husband to kiss this grinning death head, which is that of a gentleman who was my husband's rival and whom I would have married had not my parents willed otherwise."

The End of the Ride.

Coming out of one of the large department stores two well dressed women saw a group of street urchins gazing at their automobile, and one little girl was heard to say, "Wish I could have a ride in it." The women smiled, and then the child was asked if she would really like a ride and was helped into the machine after assuring the women that she would not be missed at home. Her companions set up a cheer as the machine started, and some of them were still on the spot when it returned half an hour later, bringing back the little girl. The women congratulated themselves on having given the little one an extraordinary treat, but were disenchanted when she told them that her father was a chauffeur and that she liked his machine "a great deal better."—New York Tribune.

A Compliment to the Minister.

In Albert Dawson's work, "Joseph Parker—His Life and Ministry," there are some anecdotes of the famous minister of the City temple. We are told that what Dr. Parker regarded as, in its own peculiar way, the best compliment he ever received came from an omnibus conductor. The vehicle was crossing Holborn viaduct, and when it came to the City temple a passenger alighted.

"That's the man, and that's the place," said the conductor, indicating Dr. Parker's church. "I went there once, and I enjoyed myself so much that I'm going again the first night off I have. We laughed, and we cried, and we had a rare time. You see," the conductor continued, "he doesn't make religion so —— serious."

Seeds Planted In Eggshells.

Fill half an eggshell with good rich earth, stick in a seed or two, stand the shell up in a box of earth, keep it warm and moist, and then, when you think you can trust the weather out of doors and the seeds have sprouted, you knock the shell off and put the little ball of earth into Mother Earth, and there you are. Not a root has been disturbed, and if you choose a favorable time for transplanting there will not be a wilted leaf to retard the growing of the plant.

Painted Lips.

The "Personal Recollections of Sutherland Edwards," English music critic, records that after the peace of 1815 it used to be the rule for every hussar to wear a black mustache, and those who had neither a black mustache nor a fair one which they could dye were required to paint the semblance of a black mustache on their upper lip.

The Quick Witted Sharp.

Mrs. Sharp—So you told Mr. Jones you wished you was single once more, did you? Sharp (with quick wit)—Only that I might have the happiness of marrying you over again, darling.—Boston Transcript.

Domestic Bliss.

Madame—I don't know where our son gets all his faults from. I'm sure he doesn't get them from me. Monsieur—No, you're right there; you haven't lost any of yours.

Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great.—Emerson.

Wasted All Three Wishes.

An Irish legend has it that a good fairy once visited an old couple and promised them that any three wishes they would make would be granted. After racking their brains for some time in an endeavor to discover what they desired most the couple decided to visit the county fair to see if something there would suggest what they wanted. They did so, and, after rambling around all day and not seeing anything that exactly suited them, toward evening they found themselves before a display of kitchen utensils. Among them was a soup ladle, cheap, but likely to appeal to a woman, so the old woman in an absent moment said, "Oh, I wish I had one of those," and immediately she had it. The old man was so enraged because his wife had thoughtlessly thrown away one valuable wish that he retorted, "I wish that was stuck down your throat," and immediately this was done. Thereupon he was at once sorry at what he wished, and the only thing left to do was to wish the ladle out again. So all three wishes went for naught.

Cindy's Logic.

Cindy was an old black southern "mammy," with all the lovable traits and inconsistencies of her kind. For many years she was cook in the Warren family and gave faithful and satisfactory service.

One summer the entire family were away for two months, and Mr. Warren gave Cindy a real vacation by paying her full wages for that time and giving her the keys to the well stocked storeroom.

A few days after the return of the family Cindy came bristling into Mrs. Warren's sitting room.

"I wants mo' wages," she announced.

"Why, Cindy," exclaimed the surprised mistress, "you are getting better pay than any cook I know of in a family the size of ours. You have a nice, comfortable room and good treatment. Think how kind it was of Mr. Warren to give you a long vacation with your full wages."

"Dat's it," grumbled Cindy. "Mr. Warren paid me dat money fur doin' nuthin'. An' now all you folks is come back fur me to cook fur an' wait on. An' I gits more money or I leaves."—Lippincott's.

A Costly Client.

Miss Bayley told me that Mr. Phipps the oculist, told a gentleman, who told her, the following anecdote of the late Duchess of Devonshire: Mr. Phipps was sent for to Chatsworth to operate upon the duchess' eye. He stayed there some time and at parting received from the duke a fee of £1,000. Just before he stepped into his carriage a message from the duchess brought him to her chamber. She hoped the duke had done what was handsome by Mr. Phipps. The gentleman protested:

"Yes, and more than handsome."

"It is an awful thing," continued her grace, "to ask, but really I am at this moment in immediate want of such a sum, and if you could, Mr. Phipps."

What could the oculist do? He produced his £1,000, took his leave and never heard of his money from that day to this.—From "Recollections of a Long Life," by Lord Broughton (John Cam Hobhouse).

Shakespeare's House.

The house in which the master bard was born is located in Henley street, Stratford-on-Avon, England. Washington Irving said of this famous abode of genius: "It is a small, mean looking edifice of wood and plaster, a true nestling place of genius, which seems to delight in hatching its offspring in by-corners. The walls of its squalid chambers are covered with names and inscriptions in every language by pilgrims of all nations, ranks and conditions, from the prince to the peasant, and present a simple but striking instance of the spontaneous and universal homage of mankind to the great poet of nature."

Several years ago the house was purchased by subscription with a view to the careful preservation of it and of its contents for the inspection of future generations.

Tuning a Bell.

No matter how great may be the care taken in making the mold, a bell has to be tuned before it will ring a clear, true note. As a matter of fact, every bell sounds five notes, all of which must blend together harmoniously. If one is the least bit out the tone will be spoiled. The first of these notes is produced by the vibrations at the mouth of the bell, the second by the vibrations a little higher up, the third still higher up, and so on to the fifth, which is produced quite near the top. As the character of the sound which rings depends upon the thickness of the metal, it is possible, by taking thin shavings from various places in the inside of the bell, to alter the five notes until they are all in harmony.

Name to Fit the Trade.

Old newspapers give us many instances of men's names fitting their callings. Thus we have Last, a shoemaker of Exeter, and Trendway, who plied the same trade in Hammersmith. There was a Bristol schoolmaster named Rod. Dodge and Wynne, attorneys at law of Liverpool, must have been the butts of their fellow townsmen, while few could have a more appropriate name than the Primitive Methodist preacher River Jordan.—London Chronicle.

No Escape Via Temperament.

"Mabel is getting past the marriageable age, isn't she?"

"Yes, and it's too bad she hasn't any talents."

"Why?"

"She won't be able to tell her friends that temperament prompts her to give up matrimony and devote herself to art."—St. Louis Star.

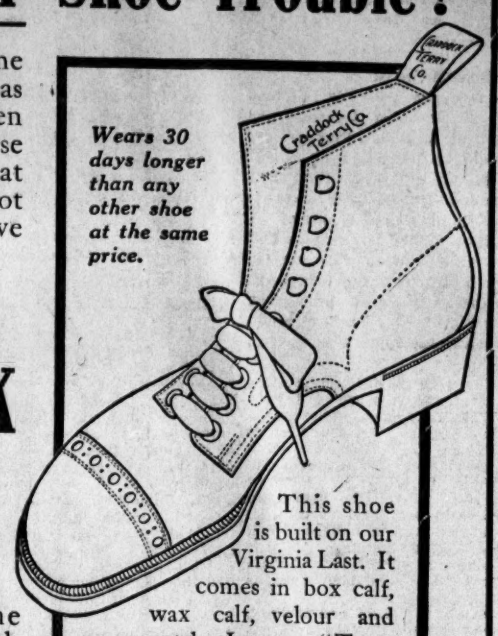
What is Your Shoe Trouble?

Nearly every man has some particular, pet spot that he has to favor and carefully fit when buying shoes. Most of these cases are caused by shoes that do not fit and protect the foot as they should. If you have foot or shoe troubles, try

The CRADDOCK SHOE

$3.50 ALL LEATHERS $4.00

next time you buy. The Craddock Shoe is not a health shoe, but is made on anatomical lines, supports the foot when support is needed, and has ample room where room is required. Let the Craddock dealer in your town fit you carefully and you'll get a shoe that neither galls nor pinches, a shoe that will fit from the first and wear like iron till the last.



Wears 30 days longer than any other shoe at the same price.

This shoe is built on our Virginia Last. It comes in box calf, wax calf, velour and gun metal. In our "Terry Special" grade—bleached-calf lined—to retail at $5.00, it equals the best custom, bench-made shoe.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 53 cents.

ROSIN—Market steady $3.65 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $2.00 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 37, rosin $2.70, tar $1.60, crude turpentine $1.75 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	18
Rosin	50
Tar	7
Crude turpentine	8

Receipts, same day last year 9 casks spirits turpentine; 18 barrels rosin; 86 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Holiday. Quotations corresponding day last year 8 1-2.

Receipts—1,573 bales, same day last year, 3,228 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c; free of burr 24c.

GEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Holiday; net receipts 7,633; stock 185,783.

New Orleans—Holiday.

Mobile—Holiday; net receipts 780; stock 51,691.

Savannah—Holiday; net receipts 5,558; stock 117,536.

Wilmington—Holiday; net receipts 889; stock 13,989.

Norfolk—Holiday; net receipts 2,690; stock 38,554.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 1-2; stock 12,235.

New York—Holiday.

Boston—Holiday.

Philadelphia—Holiday; stock 3,745.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts not received.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts not received.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts not received.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Holiday; net receipts 8,158; stock 110,986.

Augusta—Holiday; stock 71,253.

Memphis—Holiday; net receipts 1,623; stock 212,507.

St. Louis—Net receipts 25; stock 42,147.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 660; stock 9,216.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 7-8; net receipts 440; stock 54,395.

Louisville—Firm, 15 5-8.

Total today—Net receipts 10,906; gross receipts 14,704; shipments 12,467; sales —; stock 500,504.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27—An after-holiday feeling and the interference resulting from storm effects caused a slow business in the dry goods markets. Cotton goods are very firm with a higher tendency noted on printcloth yarn goods. Jobbers clearance sales will begin tomorrow. Buyers are moving conservatively on all advance business.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—The Rock Island episode in today's stock market afforded an opportunity to test the stability of the present speculative position. The resisting power by the market to the alarming intimations carried by the sensational gyration of Rock Island stock served as assurance that the present position is not easily vulnerable. In some few stocks where there has been a persistence in speculative activity since the general market has grown quiet there was a hasty unloading of stocks and a sharp break in prices. The general list, however, stood well under the shock and then rallied.

Whatever explanation may lie back of the Rock Island episode the movement of the stock was sufficiently extraordinary. A rise of 31 1-4 points in five minutes in the price of a railroad stock having a substantial volume and a widely disseminated market is a rare occurrence in stock market history. When it is followed in almost as little time by a complete relapse it may be said to be almost without precedent. The Rock Island movement came like a bolt out of a blue sky. Moreover, it was so quickly past as almost to leave no time for effect on the general market. Recent heavy sales of calls on the stock by foreign stock operators and the purchase by them, according to their rule, of half the amount required to meet the contract, undoubtedly played a part in the condition which developed this morning. The conviction grew up in the course of the day that a miscarriage of the market management of the stock had as much to do as anything with the unedifying spectacle of its performance. That management has involved lavish outlay of resources and a very free play of manipulative forces. Instead of the usual careful balance of such forces in today's market there seemed to have been a reckless or blundering upheaval in one direction without the intended effect on the other side. An error by a subordinate clerk was one specious suggestion brought forward, with the conclusion left by Christmas activities offered to account for it. This explanation or its corollaries found more general acceptance than rumors of a struggle for control. Having asserted its power of resistance to shock, the stock market showed little disposition to move upwards with decision, pending the working out of the year end money market problem. A few stocks advanced aggressively but the general list fell back into neglect.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value were $4,907,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales for the day were 889,300 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Money on call firm 4 3-4 to 5 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 5, closing bid 4 3-4, offered at 5. Time loans quiet and steady. Sixty days 4 1-2 to 4 3-4 per cent., and ninety days 4 1-2, six months 6 1-4 to 6 1-2.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exhange with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8435 to 4.8450 for sixty day bills and at 4.8740 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83 3-4 to 4.84 1-4. Bar silver 52 1-2; Mexican dollars 44.

U. S. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101 1-2
U. S. ref 2s coupon	101 1-2
U. S. 3s, registered	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84 5-8
American Agricultural 5s	101 1-2
American Tel & Tel cv 4s	105
American Tobacco 4s	77 1-2
American Tobacco 6s	107
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	96 1-2
Atchison gen 4s	99 7-8
Atchison cv 4s	121 1-2
Atchison cv 5s	121 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2	95
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90 1-4
Brooklyn Transit cv 4s	87
Central of Georgia 5s	108 1-2
Central Leather 5s	98 7-8
Central R. R. of N. J. gen 5s	124 5-
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	103
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	104 1-
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	74
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	97
Chicago, B & Q. gen. 4s	99
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	89 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	83 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg. 4s	91 1-8
Colorado Industrial 5s	83 1-2
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-2
Colo. & Southern ref. & ext 4 1-2s	97 3-4
Delaware & Hudson cv 4s	101 7-8
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	96
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 1-2
Distillers 5s	74 1-2
Erie prior lien 4s	86
Erie Gen. 4s	76
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	81 1-4
Erie cv. 4s series "B"	72 1-2
General Electric cv 5s	146
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	99
Interborough Met 4 1-2s	83 7-8
Inter. Mere. Marine 4 1-2s	71
Japan 4s	87 3-4
Japan 4 1-2s	94
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	72 1-2
Lake Shore deb (1931)	94 7-8
Louisville — Nash. Un. 4s	100 1-4
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99 1-8
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91
Missouri Pacific 4s	81 5-8
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 1-4
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91
New York Central deb. 4s	95 3-4
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv 6s	134 1-2
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98
Norfolk & Western cv 4s	101 3-4
Northern Pacific 4s	102 7-8
Northern Pacific 3s	73 1-2
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94 1-4
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s, (1915)	96 1-4
Penn. Con. 4s	104
Reading Gen. 4s	99 5-8
St. Louis & San. Fran. fg 4s	85 1-8
St. Louis & San Fran. gen 5s	88 5-8
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79
St. Louis S'westtern 1st gold 4s	93
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84
Southern Pacific col. 4s	91 1-4
Southern Pacific cv 4s	103 1-2
Southern P. R. R. 1st ref 4s	94 1-2
Southern Railway 5s	112
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 3-4
Union Pacific 4s	101 5-8
Unin Pacific cv 4s	114 3-4
Union Pacific 1st and ref 4s	97 1-2
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 1-8
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 3-8
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98 7-8
Wabash 1st 5s	112
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	97 5-8
Western Md., 4s	85 1-4
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	93
Wisconsin Central 4s	94

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54
Amalgamated Copper	87 3-4
American Agricultural	48 3-4
American Beet Sugar	46 1-4
American Can pfd	80 3-4
American Car & Foundry	71 1-4
American Cotton Oil	67 1-2
American Hide & Leather pfd	46 5-8
American Ice Securities	25
American Linseed	17 5-8
American Locomotive	59 1-4
American Smelting & Refng	101 5-8
Amer. Smelting & Refining pfd	111
American Sugar Refining	122
American Tel. & Tel.	142 1-4
American Tobacco pfd	96
American Woolen	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	52
Atchison	121 7-8
Atchison pfd	105 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line	135
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Bethlehem Steel	33 1-2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	79 1-4
Canadian Pacific	179 1-2
Central Leather	47
Central Leather pfd	107 1-2
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake & Ohio	86 1-2
Chicago & Alton	66
Chicago Great Western	34 7-8
Chicago & Northwestern	180 1-2
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	157
C., C. C. & St. Louis	82 1-4
Colorado Fuel & Iron	40 3-4
Colorado & Southern	53
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	157
Corn Products	22 1-2
Delaware & Hudson	184
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	83 7-8
Distillers' Securities	37
Erie	32 7-8
Erie 1st pfd	49
Erie 2nd pfd	38 7-8
General Electric	159 1-2
Great Northern pfd	143
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	80
Illinois Central	147 1-2
Interborough Met	24 5-8
Interborough Met pfd	62
Inter Harvester	116
Inter Marine pfd	24 1-4
International Paper	16
International Pump	52 1-4
Iowa Central	29 1-4
Kansas City Southern	43 3-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 1-2
Louisville & Nashville	153 1-2
Minneapolis & St. Louis	53 1-2
Minn., Stt. P. & Sault St. M.	138 3-8
Missouri Pacific	70 3-4
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	48 3-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	73 1-8
National Biscuit	115 1-2
National Lead	87 1-2
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	58
New York Central	124 7-8
New York, Ontario & Western	48 3-4
Norfolk & Western	98
North American	85 1-8
Northern Pacific	144 1-4
Pacific Mail	42 1-4
Pennsylvania	136 1-2
People's Gas	115 1-4
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	98
Pressed Steel Car	51
Pullman Palace Car	190
Railway Steel Spring	51 1-2
Reading	169 5-8
Republic Steel	45 1-2
Republic Steel pfd	104
Rock Island Co.	51 3-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	91
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	58 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern	31 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	70 1-4
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron	88 1-2
Southern Pacific	133 5-8
Southern Railway	31 3-4
Southern Railway pfd	72 3-4
Tennessee Copper	58
Texas & Pacific	34 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & West	51 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	70 1-8
Union Pacific	201 1-8
Union Pacific pfd	103 1-2
United States Realty	81
United States Rubber	82 1-2
United States Steel	90 5-8
United States Steel pfd	125 1-8
Utah Copper	50
Virginia Carolina Chemical	51 3-4
Wabash	24
Wabash pfd	50 1-2
Western Maryland	32 3-4
Westinghouse Electric	81 1-2
Western Union	76 1-2
Wheeling & Lake Erie	17 1-2
Wisconsin Central	48
Standard Oil Co.	635

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Flour quiet.

Rye Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Meal and Barley—Steady.

Rye—Quiet.

Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red 1.27 1-2 bid to arrive. Options were 1-4 to 1-2 net higher. December 1.25; May 1.18 5-8; July 1.09 5-8.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 70 1-2 elevator domestic 71 delivered and 69 fob afloat nominal. Options closed partly 1-4c net higher. December 70 1-4; May 75 1-4.

Oats—Spot firm; Mixed 47.

Lard—Easy.

Tallow, Molasses—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw nominal; Molasses sugar, 89 test 3.27.

Coffee—Holiday.

Butter—Steady; creamery specials 38; extras 37; third to first 29 to 36; held, seconds to specials 29 to 33 1-2; state dairy, common to finest 26 to 34; process, first to specials 26 to 28 1-2.

Cheese—Firm; state, new full cream, specials 17 1-2 to 18; do September fancy 17; do October best 16 1-2; do late made best 15 3-4; do common to good 13 to 15; skims, full to specials 5 to 14 1-2.

Eggs—Steady; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery white 40 to 48; do gathered white 35 to 40; do hennery brown and mixed fancy 38 to 40; do gathered brown, fair to prime 32 to 37.

Potatoes—Firmer; Bermuda second crop per barrel 3.50 to 3.00; Southern do 1.25 to 2.00; Maine per bag 1.50 to 1.75; state and western per barrel 1.50 to 1.75; Long Island 1.72 to 2.25; Jersey 1.35 to 1.75; Southern sweets per barrel 75 to 1.00; per 1.50 to 2.25.

Cabbages—Firm; Danish seed per ton 15.00 to 20.00; domestic 10.00 to 13.00; red 1.25 to 3.00.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton seed Oil was firm early but reacted somewhat later under scattered selling by longs and absence of new buying. Crude was offered slightly lower, closed 2 to 11 net higher. Sales 5,000 barrels, January 7.54 to 7.58; March 7.62; May 7.62 to 7.64; July 7.65 to 7.68. Prime crude 6.55 to 6.60; do summer yellow 7.56 to 7.60; do white yellow 7.70 to 8.60; do summer white 7.80 to 8.40.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat for December delivery advanced 3 1-4c here today, owing to a stampede of shorts. Other deliveries also made good gains. At the close prices were 1-8 to 1-4 to 1 5-8c above the final figures of last Friday. Corn and oats closed steady and provisions unsettled.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 17	1 19 3-4	1 18 1-8
May	1 11 1-2	1 12 1-2	1 11 5-8
July	1 02	1 02 1-2	1 10 3-8
Corn—			
Dec.	64 1-2	64 5-8	63
May	67 5-8	67 7-8	67 1-8
July	67 3-8	61 1-2	67
Oats—			
Dec.	44 3-4	46	44 3-4
May	45 7-8	46	45 3-4
July	43 5-8	43 3-4	43 1-2
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	21 85	21 90	21 85
May	21 90	21 92	21 77 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 65	12 65	12 35
May	12 00	12 05	11 95
July	11 95	11 97 1-2	11 90
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	11 50	11 55	11 50
May	11 45	11 50	11 40
July	11 42 1-2	11 42 1-2	11 40

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red 1.25 to 1.27; No. 3 red 1.18 to 1.25; No. 2 hard 1.16 to 1.18 3-4; No. 3 hard 1.12 to 1.15 1-2; No. 1 northern 1.17 to 1.20; No. 2 northern 1.15 to 1.18; No. 3 spring 1.15 to 1.18.

Corn—No. 3, 61 1-2 to 61 3-4; No. 3 white 61 1-2 to 61 3-4; No. 3 yellow 61 3-4 to 62; No. 4, 59 3-4 to 1-2; No. 4 yellow 59 1-2 to 60.

Oats—No. 3 white 45; No. 4 white 44 1-2 to 45; standard 46.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 27.—Turpentine steady; rosin quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine firm 54 1-4; sales 4.05; receipts 6,21; shipments 4,416. Rosin, firm; sales 2,196; receipts 3,204; shipments 4,735; stock 148,824. Quote: A, B, C, 3.92 1-2 to 3.95; D, 3.95; E, 4.00; F, 4.02 1-2; G, 4.05; H, 4.12 1-2; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Charleston, S. C., Turpentine quiet 53 1-2 to 53 3-4. Rosin quiet. Quote: A, B, C, 3.85; D, 3.85 to 3.90; E, 3.87 1-2 to 3.90; F, 3.90 to 3.95; G, 3.92 1-2 to 3.95; M, 4.05 to 4.10; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

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W. & W. Railroad—170 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,186 bales cotton, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—7 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—107 bales cotton.

Str. Whitlock—18 casks spirits turpentine, 50 barrels rosin.

Totals—1,573 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 50 barrels rosin, 7 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Last Year—3,228 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 18 barrels rosin, 86 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Monday, Dec. 27th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 29 degrees; 8 P. M. 43 degrees; maximum 51 degrees; minimum 28 degrees; mean 40 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 2.50 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Monday 4 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday, light to moderate west winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 28.

Sun Rises.....7:17 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:11 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 43 min.
High water at Southport 8:53 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 11:53 A. M.

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SHOTTING AFFRAY IN BLADEN

Ralph P. Melvin Shot by Frank Dyson Christmas Festival.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Elizabethtown, Dec. 26.—While attending a Christmas festival at the home of Mr. Billie Melvin, on White Lake, last night, Ralph P. Melvin and Frank Dyson became involved in a difficulty in which Mr. Melvin was shot in the chin with a pistol, the ball ranging along the jaw bone and lodging back in the neck.

Information as best learned at this hour is that Melvin was drinking and had been quarreling with one Russ. Dyson being an officer of some kind, was asked to command the peace. Upon Dyson's attempt to restore order, Melvin resisted his interference and offered to draw his gun, whereupon Dyson shot. Dyson gave himself up to Sheriff Clark this morning and was admitted to jail to wait the results of Melvin's wounds.

It is a very unfortunate affair, as both parties are well connected, and have a host of friends who sympathize with them in this trouble.

Mr. Melvin is a young married man while Dyson is a young widower.

Dyson has employed able counsel to represent him, his lawyers being Bayard Clark, H. L. Lyon, of Whiteville, and Terry A. Lyon, of Fayetteville.

At 8:30 o'clock this evening a telephone message says Drs. Lucas and Cromartie made examination of Melvin's wound and failed to locate the ball. The wounded man was resting well, and it is considered that he is not dangerously injured.

MURDERED HER LITTLE BOYS

Horrible Crime of Apparently Demented Mother.

Loveland, O., Dec. 27.—Charged with the murder of her two little boys and with having set fire to her home to conceal the crimes, Mrs. Paul Sonnecalf was arrested this afternoon in an apparently demented condition. The bodies of the boys, one aged 6 years, the other 3, were found in their home after the fire had been extinguished. The head of each had been crushed by some blunt instrument.

Their father was absent from home at the time the fire was discovered and Mrs. Sonnecalf was found walking up and down in front of the burning house wringing her hands and calling hysterically for her boys. She will be held to the Common Pleas Court for trial. The woman is unable to give any coherent account of the tragedy.

WANTED IN NORTH CAROLINA

Southern Pines Man Arrested in New York—Embezzlement Alleged.

New York, Dec. 27.—Russell B. Geyer was arrested here and today held for the authorities of Moore county, North Carolina, charged with embezzlement of $688 from the Southern Pines Country Club near Raleigh.

Geyer was treasurer of the club and the alleged offense was committed more than a year ago. Geyer said he had been in a sanitarium for more than a year and did not know the police were looking for him. He declared that he had gone through bankruptcy proceedings and believed that his accounts with everybody were squared.

GOLD MONEY.

Let us suggest that you open a Savings Account at The People's Savings Bank, with the gold money you received as a Christmas Gift. In this way you can show your appreciation of the Gift and at the same time profit by the transaction, as the 4 per cent interest which the bank will add, will make the amount much larger by this time next year. January 1st is the beginning of a regular interest period at The "People's" Bank.
1T Dec. 28th.

GENUINE ECZEMA REMEDY.

New Remedy That Cures Eczema Quickly.

J. Hicks Bunting Co. has sold dozens of jars of Hokara in the last few weeks, and although they offered to refund the purchase price to any dissatisfied purchaser, not one jar has been returned.

While this is surprising in itself, yet the most marvelous thing to them is the reports of chronic cases of eczema that have been cured by this simple skin food. People who have suffered with scales, scabs and even bleeding itching have found relief and cure in Hokara.

No matter where the eczema, pimples or other breaking out occurs whether on the face, hands, legs or body, the application of Hokara will give quick relief, and even the worst or most chronic cases will be cured in a short time.

You can buy a liberal-sized jar at the very low price of 25c and with every package goes their guarantee to refund the money if it is not satisfactory. Larger size, 50c.

If the skin trouble is caused by impure blood or if the bowels are inactive, use Hokara Blood Tablets. They cool and cleanse the blood and regulate the bowels in a natural way.

HUMAN VICTIMS

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idly digging itself from under the cover of the ten-inch snow fall. By noon traffic conditions approached some like the normal. Wire communication which was badly interrupted during the worst of blow, was again fairly good today except to New England points. The Western Union had a few wires working to Boston but the Postal wires to that city were all down.

The storm's effects were severely felt by the poorer classes of the population. Blockades on railroads created a shortage of food supplies and a consequent increase in prices.

Shipping felt the storm's effect seriously. While no heavy loss is reported from any one wreck, small craft in numbers suffered damage, dragging their anchors and being driven ashore. The wrecking of the freight steamer Thurman off Toms River, N. J., and the sinking of the schooner Mary Ann Kirby in Long Island sound, were the worst of the wrecks, but neither was attended with loss of life.

Off short the storm does not seem to have raged so furiously. While incoming trans-Atlantic liners report hard weather none seem to have been badly delayed. Coastwise steamers have been coming in nearly on time.

Lightship Off Hatteras Blown Off.

Savannah, Dec. 27.—The Ward Line steamship Havana, New York to Havana, reported by wireless today that during the severe storm of Christmas day the Diamond Shoals lightship was blown out of position and has not been replaced. According to the Havana, the wind reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour and the barometer fell to 28.60. All coast shipping due at Savannah is greatly delayed.

AFFAIRS IN ANSON.

Farmers' Union in Session—Solicitorship in the District.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 27.—The Anson county branch of the Farmers' Union is in session here today, laying plans and advising as to the methods to be used during the coming year. This organization has been of great benefit to farmers of this county, for by coming together and giving their views on the various methods to be used in the proper cultivation of the crops, they have helped each other very materially.

There is much speculation here as to who will receive the appointment for solicitor of this district, in the event that the present incumbent, Hon. L. D. Robinson, resigns, which appears now to be a certainty. The friends of State Senator James A. Lockhart, would like to see him get the appointment, while there are others who would like to see Hon. John T. Bennett, the Presidential Elector, from this district in the last election, receive the position. It is generally believed that Mr. Lockhart will not ask the Governor for the place, but would accept it if tendered to him by Mr. Kitchin.

If a local man does not stand for the appointment it is expected that the Wadesboro bar will endorse Mr. A. M. Stack, of Monroe, who is a candidate for the position, and who is excelled by no man in the district as a lawyer. He was a very strong supporter of the Governor in the Democratic convention, and it is very likely that Mr. Kitchin looks upon his candidacy with favor.

From the lower end of the district there are two able lawyers who are candidates for the appointment, they are Hon. A. A. F. Seawell, of Sanford, and Hon. W. D. Siler, of Siler City. It is thought, however, that owing to the fact that the judge of the district is from that section, that the Governor will make his selection from the upper part of the district, and figuring from the last statement the position will be landed by either Bennett, Lockhart or Stack.

GOLF AT SOUTHERN PINES.

Long Island Man Carried Off Medal in Handicap.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 27.—C. B. Hudson, of New Suffolk, L. I., won the medal play handicap in the opening of the season's golf schedule at 76 net. He played with a handicap of ten.

C. H. Matthiesen, of New York, and Leland Ingersoll, of Cleveland, tied for second place at 78. Ingersoll played with a handicap of nine and Matthieson with a handicap of seven.

THE YEAR 1910.

With the beginning of the year 1910 The People's Savings Bank at Front and Princess streets, begins a New Interest Quarter. If you make your deposits with this bank now (The "People's" Bank) you will receive credit for your interest in Three Months (April 1st.)
5T Dec. 28th.

The ads will show you whether or not there's a chance today to buy that piece of furniture at your price.

WHEN the days are chilly and the air is crisp, a fire on the hearth will help some—and a box of NUNNALLY'S will help still more. It gives you that cozy, glad-to-be-in-doors feeling. It is the finest candy in the whole world and you can get it always fresh.

Nunnally's

A fresh supply always kept by
J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.
"None Like Nunnally's."

THRILLING RESCUE AT SEA

Captain and His Wife and Crew Saved By Big Ocean Liner When Hope Had All But Fled. Landed Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 27.—Captain Edgar Bigelow, his wife and small child and the four members of the crew of the American schooner Eugene Borda, which was storm wrecked on November 29th while carrying a cargo of lumber from Nova Scotia to Philadelphia, were brought to port today by the Red Star Line steamship Vaderland which effected their thrilling rescue while on its last eastward trip. The Vadeland took the rescued persons to Antwerp and then brought them back to this country.

The captain's wife in speaking of the rescue at sea, said that the small boat from the Vaderland could get only with 20 feet of the schooner and that from that distance her four year-old baby was hurled from the deck of the Borda to the Vadeland's rescuing crew. All on the schooner were suffering from hunger when picked up, as the entire food supply had soaked with sea water. When the lights of the Vaderland were sighted late that night Captain Bigelow with difficulty found a piece of dry material to soak with oil so that a distress signal could be lighted. The night before they had burned distress lights made from their underwear when a big liner hove in sight but the signals were not seen and the sufferers were left to their misery.

At Antwerp it was necessary for the American consul to obtain passage home for the shipwrecked.

HONORED LANDLADY.

Novel Incident of Christmas at Greensboro.

(Greensboro News.)

As an evidence of appreciation of the excellent and motherly care during the past 12 months the 75 or more boarders of Mrs. R. A. Moore gathered at the home on Sycamore street last night and in a happy Christmas talk Judge N. L. Eure presented Mrs. Moore with five $20 gold pieces in behalf of her boarders. Besides the $100 in gold Mrs. Moore received a number of individual gifts from her appreciative boarders, among them being two large turkeys, a fine Smith field ham and many dainty and useful household and toilet articles.

This handsome remembrance is an excellent testimonial, not only of the appreciation of the boarders but of the matronly qualities of Mrs. Moore. In a happy little talk she responded to Judge Eure's speech of presentation, assuring her friends and boarders of her happy Christmas to each one of her children, as she termed it.

COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE.

Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world wide Cold and Grip remedy removes cause. Call for full name. Look for signature E. W. GROVE. 25c.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51, A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone No. 2. But for advertisements always call the Star office No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

W. M. CUMMING rents and sells real estate. de 28 tft

AT COST—We have on hand a nice assortment of candies suitable for children's Christmas trees, that we do not wish to carry over and will sell at cost. E. Warren & Son. de 28 1t°

SIDE LINE traveling salesmen make $30 to $50 weekly handling our advertising fans. Liberal terms. Apply at once. U. S. Calendar Co., Cincinnati. de 28 1t°

WANTED—Three or four furnished rooms for light housekeeping; must be in good location. Address W., care Star. de 25 3t°

39th SERIES B. & L. Stock in Mechanics Home Association opens January 1st, 1910; subscribe now. W. M. Cumming, secretary, 108 Princess street. de 24 tf ex su

UNREDEEMED diamonds will be displayed in our jewelry window at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. de 18tf

LOST MONEY LOUISE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc., to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

QUIAL ON TOAST. Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantials that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any cafe. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night. Sundays too. no 30 tf

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from $3.00 to $30.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M., through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 123 Market street, 'phone 573. de 15 tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

MECHANICS Home Association, 39th series B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1910. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 15 tf ex su.

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vanadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. T. Albury, master. de 17 tf

FOR SALE under foreclosure of mortgage, complete and modernly equipped pool parlors, tobacco, cold drink and near beer business; best location in Wilmington. Date of sale December 30th, 1909 Kellum & Loughlin, attorneys. de 17 12t

HANOVER B. & L. Association will open its ninth series on January 1st 1910. Books will be open for two weeks beginning with next Saturday and lasting until Saturday, January 8th. Will only sell 500 shares in this series and if you want stock come in early and notify the secretary at Wilder's Real Estate office, No. 207 Princess street and he will be glad to reserve stock for you. No better way to begin the new year. Every dollar saved is a dollar made. John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; C. D. Weeks, attorney; H. F. Wilder, secretary and treasurer. de 19 tf

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns, N. C. Hams a specialty. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. 'Phone 1576. de 12 tf

FOR RENT—That desirable seven-room cottage No. 713 Chesnut street. All modern conveniences. Apply on premises or 315 South Fifth street. de 19 tf

FOR RENT—New, up-to-date apartment, having all the conveniences of a modern home, northeast corner of Fifth and Ann streets. Possession given immediately. Apply to W. G. Whitehead, 'phone 229 or 408. de 19 tf.

WOOD—For good well seasoned wood, call up 346, W. W. Koch Shingle Mills. de 23 1w.

ACADEMY
SCHLOSS THEATRE CIRCUIT
TO-NIGHT
THE FOUR PICKERTS
In the Great Modern Success,
"THE CAPTAIN'S DOUBLE"
10—20—30 CENTS.
Seats on sale at the Crystal Palace.
Wednesday Matinee—"For Love of a Girl."
de 28 1t

ACADEMY
SCHLOSS THEATRE CIRCUIT
THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 30th
Greatest Minstrel Ever in Wilmington's History.
GEORGE H. COHAN
Presents the Famed
COHAN AND HARRIS MINSTRELS.
Headed by
"HONEY BOY" GEORGE EVANS
And 100 other "Honey Boys".
Prices from 25 cents to $1.50. Sale of seats at the Crystal Palace Wednesday. de 28 3t

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., December 27, 1909. Sealed Proposals for furnishing all material for and constructing a pile and timber bulkhead in Cape Fear River opposite the city of Wilmington, N. C., will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, M., January 12, 1910, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application. Earl L. Brown, Captain, Corps of Engineers. de 28 29 ja 11 3t.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

to all our friends and customers.

We thank you one and all for your contribution to our success during the year that is now closing, and shall be even more grateful for your favors during 1910.

W. B. Cooper,
Importer and Jobber.
de 24 tf.

The cost of a Business Local is a small fee to pay for securing a good tenant.

A Few More Days of Grace!

From now until January 1st, at which date we take stock, we will sell goods cheaper than ever.

While our holiday trade was heavier than ever before, we still have plenty of bright, new, fresh goods with which to supply the requirements of our customers. Our low prices will greatly help out those who have had considerable expense during the holidays.

Call and examine our goods and get our prices if interested.

Remember that these prices are until Jan. 1st, 1910, only. Dollars saved by buying now.

The Wilmington Furniture Co.
Wilmington, N. C.
de 26 tf

THE
"Atlantic Inn"
Opposite Union Depot.
European Plan.
Most convenient to traveling men. Elegant rooms, good service, personal attention. Our restaurant service satisfies a large number daily. Why not you?
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Men to work in Saw Mills and Logging Woods for
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at Bolton and Makatoka, N. C.
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A Merry Christmas to All Our Friends.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Special Offer!
For Monday Only

Two very handsome sets of Black Lynx Furs sent us on approbation, which we will offer at very close prices rather than return them.

This is your opportunity to procure the handsomest set of Furs ever brought to this city, and Monday is the only day, as these goods will have to be returned at once if not sold.

C. H. Fore & Co.

SPECIAL VALUES FOR CHRISTMAS.

Here's the place and now's the time to meet the size of your pocketbook. We have had made for us especially cigars in boxes of 25-5c for $1.00 per box; 25 10c cigars, $2.00; up to 20c each, or $4.50 per box

Best cigars obtainable at their several prices. Lots of beautiful Xmas presents—Rubber Gloves, Perfumery, etc.

Come here and buy your Xmas goods and vote for the piano. Look at the list of participants:

Miss Lena McKenzie	1,189	Miss Annie Banks	320
Delgado Sunday School	222	Miss Rosa May Furlong	353
Y. M. C. A.	1,040	Miss Lillian Bannerman	2,652
Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	321
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,649
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
First Presbyterian S. S.	207		

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Wholesale and Retail Druggists
WILMINGTON, N. C.
de 21 tf

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Coal AND Wood
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Our stocks and our equipment warrant us in promising the public everything they require in our line.

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HARDWARE STORE.

There are many, many things in our splendid well assorted stocks that will make your friends the best of gifts. Useful, serviceable, practical, gifts, the sort that please and satisfy. These are suggestions. Many others equally interesting at this store.

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Curley Razors.
Spring Bros. Razors.
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Winchester Rifles.
Marlin Rifles.

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